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Expeditions

ICE CLIMBING

The Club will take trips to White Oak Canyon and/or Castle Fin to ice climb on an impromptu basis during December, January and February. If nighttime temperatures in Washington, D. C. have fallen below freezing during the four nights preceding the anticipated trip, it's a good bet, that there will be ice for climbing. No guarantees. If you would like to go on these trips, call any of the following people:

Jon Larson (591-6649)

Doug Howard (736-6937)

Vivian Goldberg (521-5158) (contingent upon acquiring a decent ice axe)

Mt Washington, NH-February 1978

Doug Howard (736-6937) and Tom McKenna (301-) would like to lead a Club trip (or trips) to Mt Washington for snow and ice climbing in February.

Baffin Island- June 1978

Tom McKenna would like to return to Baffin Island to do some real mountaineering. If you would like to make this club trip happen, give him a call.

Two international mountaineering camps- "Pamir-78" and Caucasus-78"- are open to those who "timely pay the necessary amount of money." Individuals, disorganized groups or organized groups are eligible. The costs are \$600 to \$1400 for 24 to 30 days of climbing, plus travel expenses to the USSR. Deadline for applications is January 15, 1978! Call Stan Halpin for details.

At Base Camp

The Nelson House now has a new back porch (well almost). Rick Todd, Stan Halpin, Muftiah Kooch and Vivian Mendenhall spent a beautiful Saturday (November 19) demolishing the remains of the old porch, putting in the new joists, and laying a new porch floor. It still needs a railing and some paint, but it is a beautiful sight nonetheless. It cost about \$100 for the materials, but it was well worth it. (And maybe on the next trip we can arrange to take the new stove and get it installed...?) Sunday we rewarded our work with a leisurely climb. More leisurely than we intended. We got almost to SEneca before realizing that Rick's rope was still back at Nelson House. We finally got started climbing around noon!