



# Up Rope

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News of the Mountaineering Section of the P.A.T.C.

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## December Update

### MS elects new chairman

Rick Dotson is the Mountaineering Section's new chairman and Tony Sanders is the new vice chairman. Rick succeeds Don McIntyre who has moved to Reno, Nevada, and Demian Larry, who has moved to California. Rick will serve as chairman of the MS through all of 1997.

Tony will continue to edit Up Rope. Executive Committee positions, secretary, treasurer and "pizza wench" (or

"pizza wizard") are still available to willing members.

### Up Rope switches to monthly updates

Up Rope starts publishing a monthly "Update" with this issue, in order to provide members with a timely "Climber's Calendar" of upcoming events. A quarterly edition of Up Rope (with lots of MS-contributed articles) will also be published.

### December MS meeting is Xmas holiday party!!!

The Mountaineering Section's next meeting will take place at Rick and Mary Dotson's house—it's the annual Christmas-season party!—in Vienna, VA. Look for a separate flyer to show up in the mail. The party will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-6 p.m.. Bring 10 of your favorite climbing slides! For more details, call Rick or Mary at 703-319-9010.

### Baby, it's coooold outside; Ice climbing trips on the way

The Mountaineering Section has three ice-climbing trips scheduled for January and February: The first trip is set for the long weekend honoring Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 18-20, 1997. The second and third trips are set for February; one during the Feb. 1-2 weekend, and another over the President's Day long weekend, Feb. 15-17.

Also, hard-core ice man Bill Summers is looking for experienced ice climbers for several trips this season.

The best options for beginning ice climbers would be to schedule a weekend lesson over the long weekends in either January or February. Space is lim-

ited, so make your plans today to join in the fun.

### January trip to Adirondacks

The pre-Fall arrival of the Winter Black Diamond catalog signaled the start of the 1996-97 ice climbing season. Looking at the new toys and the pictures of climbs I would never be able to do told me that it was time to start planning this winter's activities.

For the last five years MS member Anne Baron has done a great job of organizing an ice trip to the Adirondacks

over the three-day Martin Luther King holiday. On these trips we always stayed at Ed Pallin's Rock and River Lodge, but this year there will have to be a change in plans. [Editor's note: Anne's coordinating a trip this year for President's Day weekend. See our story "Back to the 'Daks" on page 3.]

The Mountaineer Shop and the Rock and River have planned the first ever Adirondack International Mountaineering Festival over that weekend (Jan. 17-19, 1997) and are using all of Ed's facilities for the out-of-town instructors and company representatives.

For those of you who want to keep the January tradition alive and perhaps participate in the festival, I have located alternate accommodations. We have reserved a cottage at the White Sled Mo-