

Up Rope

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January-February Update

More MS members take Committee slots

More great MS members have stepped forward to volunteer some time and effort to help keep your club going. Eme Burt has volunteered to be the MS Secretary and Jim Pasterczyk has taken on the task of MS Treasurer. Greg Chirstopoulos is the new Pizza Wizard and Sultan of Tacos.

Thanks to all of you!

Top-roping trips set for Spring; Anchor review in April; Lead-climbing anchor review in May

The Mountaineering Section is planning to hold some top-roping trips in April and May. The first trip, set for April 20th, will be a review of top-roping anchors.

The second trip, set for May 10th, will be a review of anchor building for beginning lead climbers.

Top-rope anchor review

This trip is ideal for MS members who want to lead other top-roping trips. It will be a five-hour session devoted to building top-rope anchors. Bring static line, webbing and carabiners if you have them. Meet in the Carderock parking lot at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 20. Please call Rick Dotson to reserve a space: 703-319-9010.

Top-roping trip and anchors for lead climbing

This all-day trip is ideal for aspiring lead climbers and for top-roping enthusiasts. set for Saturday, May 10

and will take place at Annapolis Rocks. An early-morning meeting place will be determined. The following gear is required to participate in the anchor review: 16-to-18 foot 6 mil nylon for a cordelette, handful of carabiners and lead-climbing gear for setting up anchors.

Please call Rick Dotson to reserve a space: 703-319-9010.

Top-roping at Rock State Park

There's a plan forming to head up to Rock State Park, located north-east of Baltimore. Let trip leader Larry Krutko know in advance if you plan to attend: 410-922-0354.

Self-rescue course

Right now it's just an idea, but last year's review of self-rescue techniques was a real success. If you want to participate, come to one of the next MS meetings (Feb. 12 or March 12) and let us know.

Climbing, trekking trip to Nepal set for Spring 1997

MS members Don McIntyre and Linda Gabel have been organizing a trekking and climbing expedition to Annapurna sanctuary around late March, early April 1997. Don and Linda are planning on a three-to-five week stay. Climbers and trekkers who want to share the adventure and the expenses should write Don and Linda at: P.O. Box 20452, Reno, Nevada 89515-0452.

Want to lead a trip?

Here's your chance to organize a gang of fellow climbers into having fun at a local (or distant) crag. How about a lead-climbing trip to Seneca Rocks? Maybe a top-roping trip to Great Falls? Bull Run? If you want to get involved, call Tony Sanders at: 202-362-3819.

Wilderness First Aid courses set for mid-March, early May

MS members will have a couple of chances to get some quality instruction in Wilderness GÖrt Aid in the coming months. Sign up early, because space is limited.

The 16-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted during a week-end in Northern Virginia in mid-March and again in early May. The instruction will be provided by a nationally-recognized leader in teaching wilderness medicine and rescue.

The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice and results in

a two-year certification. The first class date is March 15-16. The second class date is May 3-4.

The cost of the course is \$125. A \$50 deposit is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, send a check made payable to Wilderness First Aid, to Christopher Tate, 214 East Duncan Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Include your name, address, day and evening phone. Please note your class date on the check.

For additional information call 703-836-8905.

Southward news from the West

Martine and I are the proud to announce the birth of our new son: Derek Paul Southward. He was born Dec. 12 at 17:15 and weighs in at 8 lb. 3 oz. Hope your Christmas was as happy as ours.

—Jim & Martine

in the next Up Rope...

We've got a couple of good stories to publish from MS members. Don McIntyre and Linda Gabel, now based in Reno, wrote about their sea-kayak sojourn from Florida to points north and west. Mack Muir has a tale to tell about Christmas in the Presidentials. Look for both stories in the March issue of Up Rope.

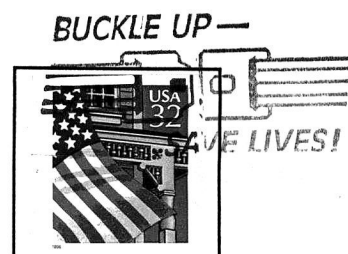
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gear reviews, good beta for climbs, red points, etc. Articles can be submitted to Up Rope either via the Internet or on a diskette in plain ASCII format (PC or Mac). We also accept photos.

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