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Halloween Weekend in Death Valley

Dates: October 29 – November 1, 2010

Days: Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon.

Costs: Members \$25/Non-Members add \$20 (includes 1-year membership!)

Trip Leader: Klaus Gerhart,
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This 3-day weekend car camp is all about solitude, exploration, bagging a peak and some strenuous hiking! Join me on Halloween Weekend for a car camp at Death Valley's Mahogany Flat Campground (or Thorndike or Wildrose if Mahogany Flat is full or unreachable, or we have lots of peeps!).

This is a National Park. While we won't be driving through a checkpoint, don't be surprised to have to pay an entrance fee or to show your annual National Parks



Pass. Campsites hold 2 cars maximum; 3-4 tents each. Dirt road requires a high-clearance or 4-wheel drive vehicle. I'll facilitate carpool assignments (2-3/

car). For complete information, refer to the website or contact your trip leader.

September Elections & Pizza Fest

It's time for our annual Great Outdoors/Los Angeles chapter elections, and then it's time to eat PIZZA! Three officers will be elected: President, VP Outings, and Treasurer. Come run for office or come to cast your vote. In either case, be sure to stick around to enjoy pizza and soft drinks while mingling with the group.

The elections are open to all G.O. LA Chapter members. In addition to the elected officers, volunteers are needed for other positions including webmaster, newsletter editor, membership coordinator, day activities coordinator, and publicity.



CAST A VOTE, GRAB A SLICE!

Monday, September 20
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Griffith Park Visitor Center
4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

Free parking is available in the nearby lot. Contact Peter Panec if you have any questions, via email, at president@greatoutdoorsla.org.

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ZION Adventure Fest & Car Camp



Dates: Sept. 8 - 12, 2010
Days: W, Th, Fr, Sa, Su
Costs: Members \$49/Non-Members add \$20 (includes 1-year membership!)
Trip Leader: Klaus Gerhart, uberadventures@gmail.com

Holy Smokes is Zion Awesome! Angel's Landing (5mi, 1488+, 4hrs, Strenuous), The Narrows (16mi, 12hrs, Very Strenuous), The Subway (9.5mi, 7hrs, Technical/Strenuous), Observation Point (8mi, 2148+, 5hrs, Strenuous), Kolob Arch (14mi, 8hrs, Strenuous) ... and a bunch of other amazing hikes and scenic wonders. I plan on filling our days from sunrise to sunset with everything I can squeeze in!

Carpooling

Carpooling is mandatory for this trip. Besides all the normal reasons (gas costs are shared, carbon footprints, company on a 7-hour drive), there's also limited parking!

We'll fill our days with awesome hikes .. some challenging, some simply scenic.

For complete information and registration, see the website or contact your trip leader.

Summer Party Success!

The summer social BBQ was a rousing success!

We had over 45 partiers and we signed up six new members! Our sincere thanks to our hosts, Matthew and Tom for the generous use of their beautiful home. Thanks to our guests for their delicious contributions to the buffet table. Thanks also to Klaus, Ron, and Jeff for helping out. And a special thank you to Larry

Edmonds, who not only brought his grill but graciously allowed me to blind-side him with a request to help with the grilling.

A great time was had by all.

- Peter Panec, President

Since no one took photos at the party I had to make do with this old photo from my family album.



RSA: Regularly Scheduled Activities

FULL MOON HIKES AT GRIFFITH PARK: Meet at 7:00pm at the Griffith Park Observatory Parking Lot, opposite from the Observatory and the Mt. Hollywood Trail Sign. Remaining dates for 2010: Aug 19, Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16. Contact: Gary at garycleff@sbcglobal.net or (213) 481-1933.

GRIFFITH PARK MONDAY NIGHT HIKE: This hike is an easy ascent/stroll. After the hike, we will meet at a local restaurant for dinner. Rain after 4:30pm cancels. We meet at the far end of the Griffith Park Observatory parking area. Contact: Gary at garycleff@sbcglobal.net or (213) 481-1933.

TUESDAY NIGHT HIKES: (previously Thursday nights): This hike is fast paced and NOT for beginners. Meet at 7:00pm in the courtyard at the Griffith Park HQ/Visitor Center on Crystal Springs Road. Contact: Jeff at TuesdayNightHike@greatoutdoorsla.com.

Great Outdoors Los Angeles is currently looking for a new newsletter editor. Lots of fun. Training provided. Contact: newsletter@greatoutdoorsla.org. Thanks!

El Capitan State Beach



Date: September 24-26
Days: Fri., Sat., Sun.
Cost is \$34.00 for Great Outdoors members and \$50.00 for non-members.
Trip Leader: Russell Hammer
 russellsprouts@roadrunner.com

El Capitan State Beach is a perfect place to end the summer. Water temperatures are warmest in September so bring your swimsuit and beach towel. Our camp is on the bluff above the ocean. There are stairs down to the sandy beach and tide pools. We'll hike, swim, eat, and relax.

Camp Details: 17 miles west of Santa Barbara adjacent to the 101 freeway. Take the El Capitan State Beach exit. We have reservations at the Portola Group Campsite. Accommodations are for up to 40 people. The first five vehicles are free; there is a fee for additional vehicles which we will split. You must car-pool with at least one other person. Email trip leader your phone number for assistance arranging carpools. RV's are also allowed on this trip but please confirm space for the RV with the trip leader.

There are restrooms and showers, bike and nature trails. Dogs must be kept on a leash. The state park issued a rodent warning about ground squirrels damaging equipment and eating food, take precautions.

For more information about this trip please contact the trip leader.

GO Conference 2010: The Mad Hatter Tea Party

Dates: October 14 – 17, 2010
Days: Thu, Fri., Sat., Sun.
Cost: \$55.00 for members/\$65.00 non-members,
Trip Leaders: Michael Roth
 562.533-1577 mlroth@mymilrothcalif.com and Dixie Paradise, 714-366-4145

The Great Outdoors Conference 2010 is being hosted by OCLB, October 14-17, 2010. It will be at Leo Carrillo State Park. This is the annual business meeting of all of

the chapters to conduct elections and other corporate business. And, for those not involved in the nitty gritty, the park has 1.5 miles of beach for swimming, surfing, windsurfing, surf fishing and beachcombing. There are tide pools, coastal caves and reefs for exploring. And of course there are wonderful trails to hike and the campfire for getting reacquainted with friends you have not seen since last conference. The



theme for this year's conference is the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Hats will be required! But only the Tea Party can be Mad!

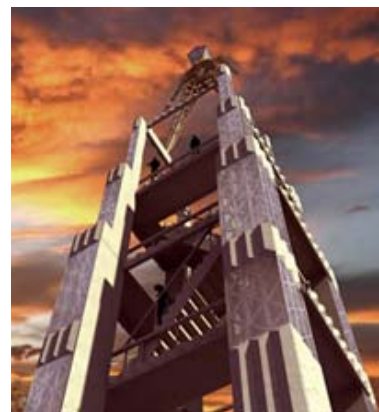
Last Minute: Burning Man!

Date: Aug. 30 – Sept. 6, 2010
Days: Mon. – Mon. (seven days)
Cost: \$300.00 + \$5.00 for members/ \$10.00 for non-members
Trip Leaders: Ed at 760-202-7413 or Madeln1953@gmail.com and Ron at 760-218-2802 or email rbgilbert@gmail.com

Burning man is wild! What's it like to camp there? Look at this webpage - www.burningman.com/first_timers.

Over 27,000 tickets have already been sold for this event. You'll need to purchase your ticket on your own. You can do that online - tickets.burningman.com. The ticket price is the same if you go for one hour or all week -- \$300 per person.

Note: Clothing at Burning Man is optional. You should not attend this event if nudity offends you. But if it doesn't offend you — Flame On!



This year's theme: "Metropolis"

GO/LA Outings Planning Meeting: Oct. 3rd



Howdy!

It's that time of year again when the Great Outdoors hosts a meeting to plan the next 12 months' worth of outings. Whether you want to lead a trip, co-lead a trip, offer ideas for trips, or just come and mingle with other Great Outdoors members and volunteers, you are welcome to attend this meeting:

**October 3, 2010
9:30am-11:30am**

**427 S Serrano Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90020**

**RSVP 323-493-0104 or
uberadventures@gmail.com**

I'll be providing coffee, juice, fruit and pastries to snack on while we bounce around ideas and make plans. This meeting is to discuss car-camping, backpacking, adventure-cycling, car tours, desert-mountain-beach camps, snow-camps, paddling trips, adventure trips, relaxing trips and any other outing that is 'overnight'. (Any ideas or plans for day-hikes or other day-activities should be directed to Jeff Rothenbach, our day-activities coordinator.)

Bring a camp chair 'cause we'll be having this meeting in the great outdoors (in a private backyard in Koreatown). Rain will not cancel this meeting; any inclement weather will bring the meeting indoors. (Don't forget to bring a calendar and a pen! No pets, please.)

P.S. Not sure if you can lead a trip on your own? Don't know the details on how to get started? Have questions about national reservations systems? Come to this meeting and I will try to provide enough procedural information to get you started; and/or hook you up with a co-leader; and/or plan to mentor you through the process. In addition to this personal help, Great Outdoors highly recommends signing-up for our leadership training course, The Outdoors Experience. It is a thorough presentation of outdoor skills, equipment, management, first aid, procedures and leadership for our organization. (And it's done while CAMPING!) Inquire at the meeting.

Can't wait to see you all! Woohoo!

- Klaus

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