



# **CHAPTER ONE, APRIL 2019**

## **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9!**

**7 PM, Lincoln HS Room 169**

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Josiah Failing, Alabama Hills, 2019

**Bring your money and waiver for summer climbs to the meeting!! Read on for more information.**

## **CLIMB MONEY (very important)**

Now that all of you have received an invoice via email telling you which climbs and trips you are on for this summer, it is time to complete the process of signing up for them. Follow this process **before the meeting** to ensure that you will get to go on these awesome adventures!

1. Check with your parents to make sure all the trips you got on still work for you. There are big waiting lists for everything and if you can't go, we need to let someone else know right away so that there are no empty spots on the trips. There is nothing sadder than a trip leaving with empty spots, and this is why a last-minute cancellation is NOT COOL. Reply to your invoice right away if you will not be able to go on one of the trips.
2. PRINT OUT **all** the waivers for **all** the trips you are on, including one for the conditioning hikes (you must do these to go on climbs!!!), and fill them out with your parents. They are attached to the invoice. Then, put them in an envelope labeled with your name and "climb money/waivers." You MUST print the waivers, as Peter and Charlie cannot print them for you.
3. Fill out a check to Post 58 for the total cost of all your trips, and put it in the same envelope as you waivers. Double-check that the amount is correct before you do this. This can also be cash.
4. Seal the envelope and put it in a place where you will be sure to remember to bring it to the meeting. We can not spend time tracking you down to get your money, you must bring it to THIS MEETING, or communicate with us if you absolutely can't make the meeting. Do not procrastinate this! If we don't hear from you at all we will have to let someone else on the trip.
5. Congratulate yourself for being so responsible and proactive.

### **At The Upcoming Meeting:**

- Our speaker will be Bryco, who will teach us all about how to acquire mountaineering gear, such as boots, ice axes, helmets, crampons, and more! Listen u as this is very relevant information for us all.
- Claes will be reading us a poem. He is learning to speak more s l o w l y
- As always, there will be T-shirts for sale for \$15 dollars and The Freedom of The Hills for \$10 (the climber's bible...)
- **Please** do not forget your climb money and waivers...



**Bake Sales (2!!!!!!)** Double trouble, more like double fun! There will be two bake sales this month, the first one at Next Adventure on April 20th (you can hide betwixt the sleeping bags) and the second one at Prana on the 27th. These are great opportunities to do your fundraiser as we have very busy months ahead of us. Sign up at the meeting or contact Joanna Cloutier.

**Climb Night** will be this April 20th! The time and location are still unknown, so listen up at the meeting.

**The Memorial Challenge** is an annual event/fundraiser in memory of Torin Tucker, a former post member who passed away in 2014. It involves a short hike or run up to Council Crest, followed by some crossfit-like exercises, with the option to repeat as many times as you want. If you do it at least twice, it counts as a training hike. To learn more and register, (which requires a donation of \$30) go to [thememorialchallenge.org](http://thememorialchallenge.org). The profits go to the Post other good causes.

**Snow School** is MANDATORY for ANYONE planning on climbing this summer. We will meet in the wells fargo parking lot early on May 11th and spend the day up at Timberline learning how to self arrest, travel in a rope team, and other vital skills. Put it on your calendar now!

**Field Day** will be the evening of May 30th. It is MANDATORY for ANYONE planning on climbing this summer. You will learn indispensable rope and harness skills, there will be a potluck dinner, and it will be buckets of fun. Put it on your calendar now.

### **April Training Hike Dates And Locations (Signups at meeting)**

April 13th-Hardy Ridge Loop with  
Hamilton Mountain  
April 14th-Benson Plateau  
April 20th-My. Defiance  
April 27th-Warren Lake

April 28th-Table Mountain  
May 4th-Salmon Butte (this one will be  
amazing)  
May 5th-Mt.Defiance

# Things that went Down!



## San Juan Sailing!



By Oscar Romanko

One of the many Spring Break trips we had this year was the San Juan sailing trip. Together with 22 students and advisors, we took two sailboats out into the waters of the San Juans for a whole 5 days, sailing, cooking, and exploring a bit everyday. It was one of the most entertaining and unique experiences I've ever had, seeing the true beauty of the San Juans, meeting some of the most wonderful people, and learning so many new things not just about sailing, but surprisingly also several things I'd never really known about myself.

The first day of our trip, we all got acquainted with each other and the sailboat we were on, and ended up sailing not too far away to Eagle Harbor. The moment we tried to go to shore however, we discovered our engine did not work, and this started a trip long effort of calling for help from our charter, fiddling with the engine constantly, and just rowing to shore occasionally. The second day, we traveled North to Sucia Island, with pretty smooth sailing, and beautiful sights, making sure to eat our daily treat of Spam and hot chocolate along the way. On the third day, we decided to venture into Canada, and ended up seeing a pair of orcas just a few feet away from our boat, which definitely ended up being one of the best experiences of the whole trip. We completed our day on the stunning Jones Island, and played an intense game of ultimate frisbee.

On our fourth day, we sailed to Orcas Island, where we climbed the 1000 foot Turtlehead Mountain, which offered a breathtaking view of many mountain ranges, and the San Juans themselves. We stopped by a local sawmill and farm, as well as the home of the lovely old lady, Jean, who shared with us a selection of cookies and a very well curated garden. That night, we had a closing campfire on Spencer Spit, going over everything that happened, and our best and worst moments from the trip. The last day, we sailed back to the harbor, had a delightful lunch at Safeway, and drove alllll the way back to Portland.

Overall, the San Juan trip was truly an unforgettable experience that I'll remember for a very long time. I would strongly recommend this trip next year to anyone who wants to learn something new, meet new people, improve themselves in many ways, see one of the most beautiful places in our country, and just have a great time.



## Backpacking in Utah

By Lila Fenner



My alarm went off at the ungodly hour of 5:15, and I dragged myself out of bed to pull on the same clothes I would be wearing for the next week. My loving parents dropped me off at the airport at 6 O’Clock, where I first saw the whole Utah group standing together. “Wow,” I thought to myself. “What amazing people! This is sure to be a fabulous time.” And indeed it was.

Too many unforgettable experiences were had to possibly hope to detail them all. But, because I am kind and merciful, I will write about a few of them for my dear fellow postees.



“But Lila, this is a poor quality photo!” I hear you say. If you want to see perfect images, a google search of “peekaboo canyon” will not disappoint. But only this image can truly express the atmosphere inside the rock. As we delved deeper and deeper into the canyon, the walls became so close together that at times I was unsure I would be able to fit through! It took a lot of maneuvering to get everyone through, but the awe of looking thirty feet above you to see the sun coming through a small crack to where you are standing was unbelievable. Luckily, this was the first day of the trip so none of us smelled too bad in the confined spaces.

“Waste not, want not,” preached Madison as the tub of applesauce slid down her throat. “This stuff is liquid gold!”

But this was not the only dietary adventure of the trip. A four-layer nutella-tortilla concoction may have been the peak of our culinary forays. More importantly, however, many people tried Spam for the first time--perhaps the most iconic Post food. Some were more wary than others. Simon Zlatnik may have been force-fed Spam. “Nobody is too good for Spam,” said Audrey Olenski. “Nobody.” This message has been sponsored by SPAM, Inc.



For the final four days of our trip, we ventured into the rocky maw of the West, Coyote Gulch, for a backpacking trip. The walls towered hundreds of feet above our heads, sheer, overhung slabs of orange rock. At times it felt as if we were inside a huge dome, and fantastical natural arches marked every few miles. We walked in the river much of the time, either barefoot or in water shoes. The silt beneath our feet often had a strange feel to it, like oobleck. I was the first to discover it’s quicksand-like qualities when I ran up to the first huge wall we came across. Abruptly, I broke through the previously solid ground and sunk in almost all the way up my leg. As the rest of the group walked gaily on, I struggled for my life to escape,

sinking in with each floundering step, weighed down with my backpack full of Swedish Fish. I escaped with my life, but only just.

I could go on and on, but the newsletter has to be under six pages in order for the post office to send it. This was such an amazing trip, and I made so many new friendships with people whose names I didn't even know before the trip. Trips like this always remind me how kind and interesting everyone is once you get to know them, and it really is an unforgettable and rare experience to be in a beautiful place with amazing people.

## **Climbing in Alabama Hills**

**By Lucy Gaslin**

After a long and somewhat chilly car ride down to Lone Pine, California, we all made it the Alabama Hills in one piece. What followed that week was some impressive climbing feats, people climbing harder climbs than they ever had before, new friendships being formed, and lots and lots of dancing. The backdrop of the Sierra mountains while we were climbing wasn't so bad either. My most fondest memory is when we were driving back to camp and turned the music on loud. Once at the campsite, we then proceeded to have a big dance party and soon used up all the rest of the energy we had for that day. The climbs were solid and usually at the top of every route you had a beautiful view of the mountains. I definitely recommend this trip to everyone and think it should be offered next year, just remember your sunscreen.



Ask Claes is a new segment in the newsletter! Please send in your questions to 971-347-4187 or to [claesj22@gmail.com](mailto:claesj22@gmail.com) to be featured in the next edition!

Dear Claes, So at the last Post meeting when Marcell was addressing the group I felt like he was looking right at me, and I it was like there were just two of us in the room. Does this mean I am in love? Does this mean I am Hungarian? Sleepless,  
Brandon

Great question Brandon, although I am unfamiliar with Hungarian love, I'm sure Marcell felt a similar way as he gazed back into your eyes. There is a possibility that you two just happened to look at each other for a few seconds but it sounds like a little romance was Involved.  
hope you can get some sleep,  
Claes

P.S. After calling Marcell to get a conclusive explanation, let's just say... he can confirm.