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Dear Howie,

Hello Friends! There is new snow in the high country but the Alpine climbing conditions remain perfect. With fall just around the corner this is a great time to sign up for a trip. We have had a busy summer season and want to thank everyone who has shared their adventures with us. Check out some of our adventures from this summer:

[Mt. Whitney](#); [Mt. Conness](#); [Middle Palisade](#); [Trip Reports](#)





Upcoming Trips

Check out our upcoming trips!

[AMGA Guide Training](#)

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Fun Links

JP psyched to be on Mt. Whitney at 14,497!

"One of the best experiences of his life"

JP's post trip comment- "One word - amazing. Howie is the consummate professional. I would venture to say he is the best out there. Throughout the entire trip, I felt 100% confident in Howie. That trust factor is absolutely critical and one that Howie immediately instills in his clients."

[We're updating Facebook and our Blog page regularly, please follow us](#)



Up and Coming:

Have you been wanting to further your climbing abilities and/or want to be a guide? We are offering several [AMGA](#) certified courses and exams this Sept/Oct. We are offering a [Mt. Emerson](#) trip on Oct. 2nd and a [Self Rescue Course](#) on Oct 8-9th. Be sure to check out our recently updated [Calendar](#) for all upcoming courses and trips. Remember the trips posted on our calendar are never cancelled!!!



Father/Daughter John & Kara Summit Whitney Together

Red Rock Canyon Nov 9-13th



Visit our blog



[Red Rock Canyon](#) has everything a rock climber is looking for. This sandstone paradise offers splitter cracks, in-cut jugs, varnished edges, great friction and technical faces. Your options are endless with single pitch routes or multi pitch classics. With easy access to hundreds of sport and traditional routes, this climbing mecca has amazing routes for all climbing abilities. Red Rock Conservation Area is only a few miles from the ever expanding town of Las Vegas, but when you are climbing back in the canyons you will forget it even existed. You can encounter bighorn sheep, burros, tortoises, ring-tail cats and surprisingly very few people. However, the close proximity to Vegas allows for great deals on food and accommodations. Check out the [Red Rock](#) page on our site and when your ready to book go to our [Booking Page](#). If you book before the end of September you can use the coupon at the bottom of this newsletter.

Gear Review



At the core of Sierra Mountain Guides (SMG) we have certain things we can't live without. One of our most essential items is our ropes. Besides the obvious the rope you use can make the difference between a successful outing and a frustrating debacle. We've had the pleasure to work with Sterling and have found that they offer all the products we need to run our high quality programs.

In their own words [Sterling Rope](#), "Is the leading manufacturer of life safety rope and cord. Made right here in the USA, Sterling has worked very hard to develop the best product for use in climbing, rope rescue, guiding, industrial safety, work access and OEM markets. We strive to be the front runner in innovation within the field and work closely with companies, both large and small, to develop superior products for their needs."

Our alpine and rock programs demand a rope that is lightweight, supple, strong, dry and long lasting. [The Sterling Fusion Nano](#) fits the bill. At 9.2mm in diameter it is small enough to reduce weight but remain super strong. We also really like the distinct color variations when we are using more than one rope at a time. We also like that Sterling is a US company. If you are looking for a new rope for winter or summer you should check out what Sterling has to offer.

-Neil

Scramblers 2011

It's very satisfying to see the joy of a young climber who has just made it to the top of a rock climb. But even better to see the look on a child's face on the way down the zip line!

For five weeks this summer, we took our groups to different climbing areas in the Mammoth and June Lake area. As we teach and coach the young climbers, it is exciting to watch them progress through our milestone program, where they are learn the basics of Rock Climbing. The group dynamic was very supportive with everyone cheering for other, this atmosphere helps even the tentative kids tackle some huge challenges; such as leaning back to be lowered or climbing just a little higher than they are comfortable. See you next summer with the [Eastern Sierra Scramblers](#).



Learning the ropes with Barbara

We will most definitely offer our Scramblers program next summer!
[Contact us to sign up for 2012](#)

We hope you've been able to get out and enjoy the summer, if not there is still time to enjoy dry rock before the snow starts to fly.

Sincerely,



~All of us at Sierra Mountain Guides

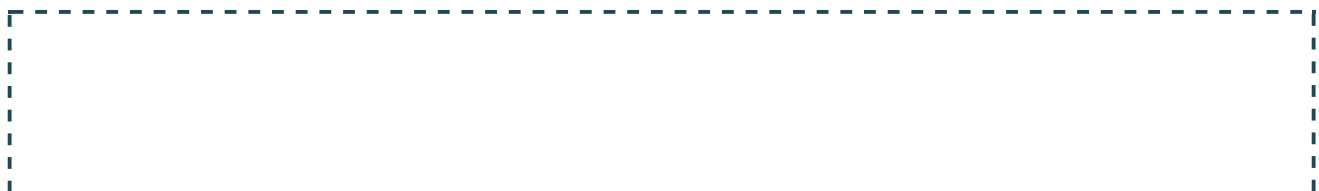


Happy Climbing

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RED ROCK CANYON- November 9-13TH

We invite you to come climb with us in Red Rock Canyon. If you sign up for a trip between now and the end of September, we will give you 10% off your trip. Please visit our webpage for exciting trip opportunities!



Offer Expires: Sept 30th 2011

**Save
10%**

WINTER PROGRAMS are on the [calendar!](#)

Sign up before Thanksgiving for any avalanche course, backcountry ski, ice climbing or rock climbing program for this winter and get **10% off!**

Winter programs start before March 21st. Must sign up and submit deposit before 11/27/11.

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