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Howie and Cosmo catching some runs in the sun!

Fun Links



Dear Howie,

Hello everyone! We are finally getting some summer temps over here on the east side. This weekend was a gorgeous 85*+ in the valley! We have [rock climbing](#), [trekking](#), [fastpacking](#), and even [skiing](#) (still) happening right now. And while it is going to be a slightly late alpine and rock climbing season, all of the trips we have run this year have gone off without a hitch. So if you are contemplating whether or not to [sign up](#) for that N Pal or Third Pillar of Dana trip... not to worry, all systems are pretty much a go. We hope you like the addition of videos to our newsletter. Let us know what you think. See you all in the mountains!

~All of us, Sierra Mountain Guides

Trekking



Backpacking and hiking in the "Range of Light" is a breathtaking experience. Excellent weather, world-class views, abundant wild flowers, and trails for every pace and schedule gives us the opportunity to accommodate nearly everyone. Trekking with Sierra Mountain Guides gives you the opportunity to explore the beauty and magnificence that makes the Sierras a worldwide destination. Our highly trained guides have extensive experience and bring proven leadership to your trip. We pride ourselves on providing safe opportunities to venture out and do something you may have never done before. Check out the [trekking page](#) on our site and see if we have a trip that strikes your fancy. If not, we can customize one to fit your needs and desires. Here are some example of trips that we run:

[Agnew Meadows to Red Meadow](#)

Level 1, 2 Days

[Cathedral Lakes to Yosemite Valley](#)

Level 2, 5 Days

[Mammoth Lakes to Yosemite Valley](#)

Level 3, 8 Days

And much more!!!

Also, interested in trekking on your own but are worried about your navigation skills? We are running a [Navigation Course](#) on July 16, 2011. [Sign up](#) and learn all the skills necessary to have fun and stay safe in the backcountry!



Sweeping Yosemite views!

Evolution Loop - Fastpacking



The Range of Light is known to die-hard trail runners as the Range of Light and Fast! With your own two legs, a light pack, and a pair of trail shoes, you can see more stunning terrain in a few days than backpackers typically see in a week. Our Sierra [Fastpacking itineraries](#) allow you to experience the wilderness with maximized comfort and enjoyment.

SMG has spent a lot of time developing these programs for the upcoming

season and we are excited to bring you the [Evolution Loop Fastpacking](#) experience. The Evolution Loop is a brilliant circumnavigation of the mountains on the Sierra Crest named after famous evolutionists like Mt. Lamarck, Mt. Darwin, and Mt. Mendel. This is a 3 day, 50+ mile tour, over 3 high passes and amidst stunning meadows, ridge-lines, and lakes. One of John Muir's favorite parts of the Sierra, it is now conserved as wilderness of the Inyo National Forest and Kings Canyon National Park. This is the opportunity you have always wished for in the mountains, but never thought possible. Yet, it is! Check out the details by [clicking here](#).

Info:

Dates: August 19-21

Length: 3 Days

If for some reason you needed more incentive:

We will have Adam Kelinson, author of the [Athletes Plate - Real Food for High Performance](#) and founder of [Organic Performance](#), cooking meals for you during the trip! [Sign up now!](#)



Welcome!

SMG would like to extend a warm welcome to Barbara Wanner, Zack Libbe, Matt Irons, and Terri Fisher. We have been rapidly expanding this year and with that came the need for more help.



Barbara Wanner

Barbara is the new Kids Camp Director and is eagerly taking on the challenge of making this years [Eastern Sierra Scramblers](#) program the best one ever! She will be out with your kids every single day this summer, making sure that they are staying safe and having a fabulous time. Barbara is a strong climber and an amazing person. We are happy to have her on our roster of guides.



Zack Libbe

Zack is SMG's new intern. This is a program that we just implemented this year with the goal of showing one person the in's and out's of running a guiding business. Zack will not only be in the field this summer, but he will also be in the office learning the administrative side of things. Zack is an amazingly enthusiastic person and we are excited to have him as a part of our team.



Terri Fisher



Matt Irons

Finally, we are happy to welcome Matt Irons and Terri Fisher to our staff of trekking guides. With the summer season fast approaching they are both excited to take you out into the mountains for some backpacking fun! Teri and Matt are excellent, experienced mountain guides. [Sign up](#) for a trip with them today!

Eastern Sierra Scramblers



Kids Climbing

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