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Tom's Spread Brings Out the Beach Trash

by Vida Ruggiero

SOLARites were insulted, thanked and admired on September 18, 2004 for the worldwide beach cleanup day at Nordhouse Wilderness Dunes at the Lake Michigan Recreation Area. Some SOLARites arrived Friday night, and some of us woke during the wee hours of Saturday morning to make the drive.

At 9 a.m. we convened in the beach parking lot. I handed out garbage bags, plastic gloves, and data cards provided by the Lake Michigan Federation. Volunteers are asked to record the number and kinds of items collected. We set off on a beautiful sunny morning to comb the beach for things unnatural. The most common items found were hundreds of cigarette butts, lots of plastic wrappings from food, and deflated balloons with ribbons. We also found interesting items like fishing lures, tampon applicators, boxer shorts, an underwear band and a marine flare casing. All in all we collected over 60 pounds of trash in 3 hours!

"Beach trash" a visitor to the beach commented to Sally Devine and her friend, Essie. "I beg your pardon?," they responded. Could have been an insult, but actually it was one of the comments of thanks and admiration received from people there to just enjoy a day at the beach. Three dogs also joined us, Max (Cindy Taylor's), Coco (mine), and Ryker (prospective member's and my friend, Leslie Madill).

Everyone felt good about what we accomplished, but we all felt even better after Tom's spread! Just so that doesn't start any rumors, Tom Oloffo had gone shopping and shared all kinds of goodies like cheeses, sausage, crackers, chips and M & M's. We were all glad he was there. In the afternoon the backpackers headed to the Nurnburg Road trailhead (with a detour to Betty's for a six pack....thanks Mike Banks!). The car campers went back to their campsites and planned a meal together....at the bar!



The Crew

Both groups planned to meet on the beach for the sunset show. It was spectacular. Only the moon and the stars were better. There was great scenery, great conversation, and a variety of libations. The moonlight walk back to my backpacking spot was magical.

A couple of personal notes about the trip...this was my first overnight outing with SOLAR and I organized it!

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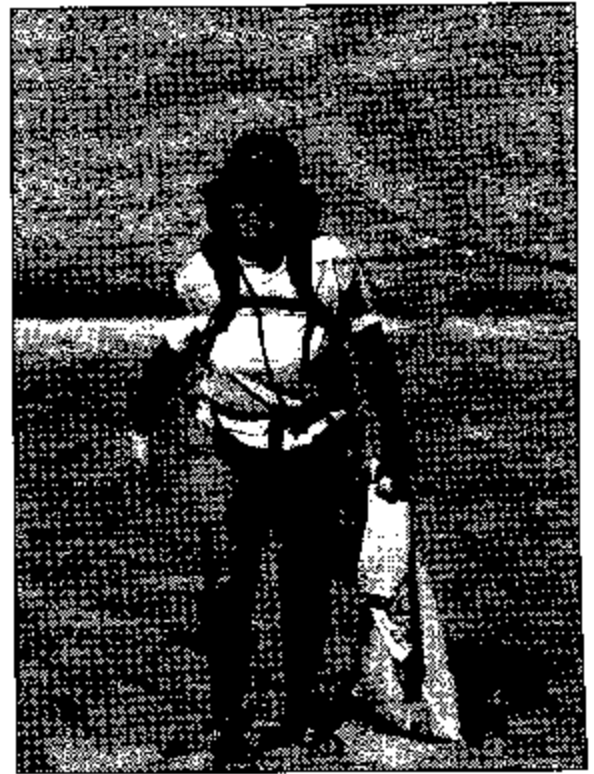
Dog Tired



And more trash!



Beach Cleanup



Cindy Looking Determined

Everyone said it was great, but really it was the people who came that made it great. It was a big step to take, and I'm glad I did it. I enjoyed getting to know everyone who came. The Adopt-A-Beach program is a great way to give back to our beautiful state and the earth. Contact me for more information or check out the website: www.lakemichigan.org. I love the simplicity of backpacking. I enjoy the planning and forethought it requires and doing things differently for a few days. I used my new pack: Gregory Shashta and loved it! Lake Michigan is the best therapist I know:

swim, hike, and lounge your worries away.

It's Sunday, September 19, 2004 and I am finishing this article on a dune overlooking the brilliant blue of Lake Michigan. Some SOLARites are packing up right now to indulge at the House of Havors, but I just can't make myself leave until I absolutely have to. My feet are dirty and my hair is a mess, I'm almost out of toilet paper, but somehow nothing could be better at this moment. I'm going to go for a walk now and pick up some more beach trash because once you start making a difference, it's hard to stop.

The Haute Route: Chamonix, France to Zermatt, Switzerland – Part II

by Lou Szakal

(The first part of "The Haute Route," a trip to Switzerland that 16 SOLARITES took this summer is in the October issue of the SOLAR Ray.)

Cabane des Dix to Arolla: We were now leaving the remote cabanes behind. The first part of this section had us crossing the Glacier de Cheilon and then up 800ft over the moraine to the ladders and up to the Col de Riedmatten. Since we were nearing an altitude of 10,000ft, the air was thin and the hiking slow. We reached the ladders in about an hour with several people from our group positioning themselves at strategic locations to help the others. The ladders were only 60-70 feet high, but at this altitude, it took another hour for everyone to reach the top. We now got a quick glimpse of the Matterhorn before the clouds covered it. It was getting more and more exciting. The rest of the day was all downhill, 3,000ft. into Arolla. The Mont Collon Hotel was built in 1782 and most of the interior has remained in tact. Various salons still had furniture from that era and the bar was an old 18th century pub. Hamburgers, French fries and an ice-cold beer were on the menu for lunch. We spent the afternoon shopping and lounging, followed by a 5-course dinner.

Arolla to Les Hauderes: This was a 2-3 hour valley walk with not much elevation change. Most of the group hiked into town stopping in the basement of a home near Lac Blue where the owners made homemade cheese. Samples were brought back for tasting. Pam and I decided to make this a non-hiking day and



Climbing Swiss Ladders



Barns at St. Luc

took a bus to Les Hauderes, set up the hotel reservations and then continued on to Evolene. The villages and hamlets have remained the same for centuries. Horse barns still line the streets, hovering over the stalls in stilt like fashion. This architecture keeps the air flowing under the hay storage area and the large wafer stones atop each post keep out rodents. Artwork and antiques hang from the outside walls of barns and homes and many have the family names posted. While trying to check the bus schedule at the Evolene post bus, we found out that most businesses close from 12:00 until 2:00pm. Some don't open until 3 or 4:00pm. After having Fondue for lunch, we headed back to Les Hauderes to greet the rest of the group. We had our debriefing meeting, which usually took place every night before dinner to discuss the next day's route.

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Les Hauderes to Zinal: This was our most confusing day with the possibility of a 9 or 15-hour hike 7,500ft. up and 8,200ft. down. It was assigned to Pam, Pete, Don and I, so we spoke with the proprietor and she suggested taking a van up 2,500ft. which would cut off about 3 hours from our time. This was also a day which half of the group took as a "non-hiking" day. Eight people took a bus and train to visit museums and castles and the other eight loaded their gear into two vans and headed off to the mountains. It was cool and damp and the clouds roiled in and out, encircling us as we hiked upwards across a cow pasture on a mountain. The moist air was starting to affect my lungs. Our trail took us up through the Col de Torrent and then down to Barrage de Moiry where we had lunch and a beer. Four people continued on up to Sorebois with a cable car down to Zinal. The rest of us took buses. Zinal was a quaint Bavarian style village with a definite German influence in its architecture; however, the language was still predominately French. Along the way, we met several people that were doing the Haute Route and ended up hiking to most of the same villages. A family of four from Virginia, couples from England and Australia and several others from all across the U.S. Three anniversaries were celebrated this evening. Pam's and mine, the couple from Virginia and friends of theirs who flew in just for the occasion.

Zinal to Hotel Weisshorn: Built in 1880, the Hotel Weisshorn sits remotely up on the mountainside overlooking Zinal and St. Luc. This was probably the most scenic day as we slowly slogged up the mountainside for 3-4 hours with views of Mt. Weisshorn, Zinalrothorn and other "Horns" in the distance. Our first group stopped for lunch in a pasture with hundreds of cows grazing on the steep slopes. They saw a newly born calf only a few hours old. Because of the many varieties and quantities of cheeses in Switzerland, great care is given to the cows in the Valais area for their milk. We pulled into the Hotel Weisshorn around 2p.m. and sat on the patio with a cold beer overlooking the mountains. This 120-year-old hotel had most of its original furniture throughout its solons, parlors and bedrooms. You could feel the people in the next room as they walked on the rickety floorboards. Dinner was set up in the restaurant overlooking the mountains. The nightly mountain storm rolled in and out, again and again, engulfing us in thick black clouds with lightning in one moment and giving us views of the village lights 3000 ft. below us.

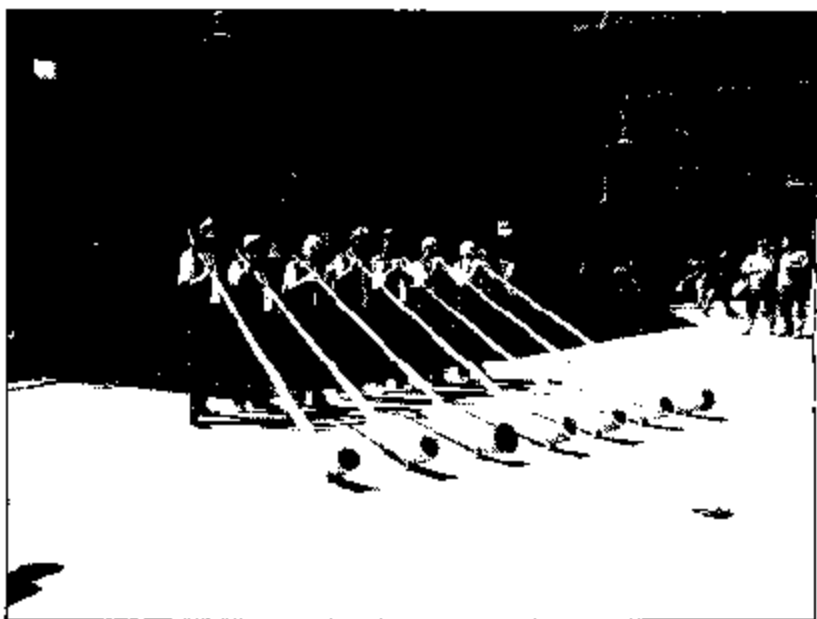
Hotel Weisshorn to St. Niklaus: Today should have been split into two days with a night in Gruben, but with 16 of us, we could not find enough lodging. Our waitress from the Weisshorn suggested hiking down to St. Luc (1.5 hrs.) and she would schedule transportation to Gruben and we would start our hike there. With 3,500ft. up, and 5,800ft. down, it was still a difficult day ahead. We were treated to a ride to Gruben by the head of the Swiss ski school (a former Olympian) and his father. The town of Gruben is inaccessible in the winter and only a dozen buildings make up the entire village. The hike was less strenuous than the numbers made it seem, but there was a lot of rock scrambling and cow hopping along the way. A cable car in Jungen knocked off about 2hrs. and 2,700ft. of knee wrenching descent and was a welcome sight. St. Niklaus was a large, but quaint Bavarian village with a giant, colorful St. Nick (Santa Claus) in the town entrance. There were plenty of shops to choose from and numerous outdoor cafes to relax at. After a hearty dinner, we ended the evening with a pub-crawl.



The Matterhorn

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St. Niklaus to Zermatt: This was our final day of hiking. Eleven miles and 1,500ft. of ascent. At was a beautiful valley walk traveling through several major villages and small hamlets. One group did an all day pub-crawl, others walked part way and took the train, and the hard core hiked all the way through. Zermatt is a true German town, ski resort and a major starting point for climbers. No gas-powered vehicles are allowed here, so when you arrive by electric train or on foot, electric taxis are waiting to transport you to your hotel. Our hotel, the Mirabeau, is one of a few 4 star hotels in Zermatt. We took advantage of its Masseuse, wet and dry saunas, pool, Jacuzzi and tanning booth. We spent two nights here in the lap of luxury, although, none of our accommodations were shabby. The downtown was bustling with people from all over the world. We shopped, ate and drank all day and danced all night in the "Cave". Several of us took the Vermicular (underground train) and two cable cars up to the top of the Rothorn (10,178ft.) for spectacular views of the Matterhorn. There was an ethnic parade on our final day. The costumes, song and dance were colorful and represented all of the local regions. An old fire engine shot water at the crowd and pumped wine into glasses, which were handed out to members of the audience. Women smoked handmade cigars and children threw flower petals and candy as they walked hand in hand. Several groups of men stopped to play their 12ft. long (or longer) Alpine Horns. We capped both nights off with fabulous 5 course meals and goodbyes to all our international friends.



Alpine Horns



Don's Harem

Zermatt to Geneva and beyond: Most of us had to go home, but several stayed and hiked up to the Horali Hut. This is the starting point to climb the Matterhorn. Several made a stop in Martigny to visit museums, while others went on to Venice Italy. Pam and I continued to Geneva for some time to ourselves and to enjoy our one-year wedding anniversary. Although the hotel was beautiful, the chrome and glass architecture took away from the quaint lodging of the past 15 nights. We opted to forgo the "fancy" hotel restaurant and found a small "locals" Italian restaurant and celebrated quietly, reminiscing the past two wonderful weeks. We left the next morning leaving behind everything but the memories.

Haute Route participants: Lou & Pam Szukal, Gene & Leslie Cordova, Dave & Moe DeFrance, Mike & Wendy Willingham, Pat Celestin, Linda Dziugalski, Maria Edwards, Pete Lamb, Vikki Maks, Linda Rodrick, Janet Schester, Don Wold.

Niagara-on-the-Lake

by Tim Kępaczyk



Gary, Marcia, Mike, Wendy, Debbie, Judy

I have been a member of SOLAR Club for several years. Since summer 2000 I've tried to lead a few trips, but I've been disappointed that they seemed to generate little interest. Labor Day Weekend 2004 I finally hit the jackpot.

Last February Maria Edwards, Marcia Reinhart, and I went cross country skiing at Hartwick Pines. I talked them into joining me for bicycling and wine-tasting at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. This wonderful little town also hosts a theater festival. I booked an inn and was very pleased to have seven more sign-ups. After all, add in the price of two play tickets and this was more expensive than most SOLAR trips.



Niagara on the Lake Area

Niagara-on-the-Lake (cont'd)

Everyone arrived Friday evening. Saturday morning we embarked on a bicycle tour of local wineries. This area is one of Canada's most productive wine regions. After the tour we gathered on the shore of Lake Ontario for a picnic lunch. I contributed cheese, others fruit, luncheon meats, and just-purchased wine. Late in the afternoon we carpoled to a restaurant right above the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. And in the evening we went to a play.

On Sunday I went with the majority of the group to a hike at a nature area in the Niagara River Gorge. We returned for lunch before seeing a second play. After the play we drove back to Michigan.

Throughout the weekend everyone was very positive having a good time. Niagara-on-the-Lake is so charming and a terrific destination for bicycling. The weather was perfect - sunny and warm.

In conclusion, if you're an aspiring trip leader and you're concerned about how much others will be interested in your trip, start with a simple Friday to Sunday weekend and a destination four hours or less driving time. It took a few tries, and it can be some work, but when you get friendly SOLARites at a great destination with great weather, it can be very rewarding.



Judy, Debbie, Maria, Cary, Tim, Marcia

Cross Country Skiing in Austria—January 28-February 7, 2005

By Leslie Cordova

Seefeld, Austria



Trip Description. This non-SOLAR trip is one of those trips of a lifetime. The dates are January 28 - February 7, 2005. The plan is to ski in the Seefeld Austria area, with over 100 miles of superbly tracked cross country ski trails. These trails connect to numerous villages where you can get something to eat or drink. Seefeld is a quaint Austrian alpine village and served as the cross country ski venue when the Winter Olympics were held twice in Innsbruck. You can also take the train into Innsbruck (16 miles) or to various cities in Germany. There is winter hiking too, as Seefeld maintains an extensive trail system. Or you can relax and take a sleigh ride, ice skate or downhill ski.

Trip Summary. This trip includes round trip air from Chicago to Munich, private bus transport from Munich to Seefeld, 9 nights lodging, 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners, trail passes

for cross country skiing or hiking and entry to the Seefeld Pool Complex. The cost is \$1,800 per person for double occupancy, \$1,950 per person for single occupancy.

A deposit of \$200 is needed ASAP. Sound like something interesting??
Contact Leslie Cordova for more information. (248) 547-5626 or lesliegene@aol.com.

SOLAR Program Schedule
From the SOLAR Program Director
Linda Rodrick

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Experience SOLAR's outstanding winter classes!
You may want to reminisce or you may want to learn what they're all about.

Either way, join us for the following presentations:

"Winter Camping" by Tom Oloffo

"Basic Mountaineering & Safety" by Lou Szakal

"Winter Survival" by Doug Lanyk

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December: SOLAR's Annual Holiday Party!

Tuesday, December 7th 8:30 to ?

In recognition and celebration of our own SOLAR diversity,
join us in celebrating the "Holidays around the World!"
Please consider bringing a favorite ethnic dish as your dish to pass
(side dish, salad or dessert) and an adult beverage if you'd like.
Feel free to wear your ethnic clothing. Just remember your dancing
shoes as we'll have a D.J. and dancing!

January: The "West Coast Trail" presentation
by fellow SOLARites

*Please note: All programs take place at Colony Hall immediately
following the SOLAR business meeting.*

Backpacking Tip for Contact Wearers by Vida Ruggiero Instead of packing the whole bottle of cleaning solution, bring an extra contact case with fresh cleaning solution in it. Use rewetting drops to rinse before you put them in.

SOLAR NOVEMBER 2004 CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

2	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes Linda Rodrick	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com lindamra@aol.com
		Program: SOLAR Winter Classes: Backpacking, Mountaineering, Survival			
TBD	SAT	WHIRLY BALL	Bloomfield Hills	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
7, 14	SUN	SOUTHERN MICHIGAN	7- Highland	Linda Burke	www.mlchigano.org
		ORIENTEERING CLUB MEETS	14- Stinchfield Woods		

NOVEMBER CLASSES

12-14	WKND	WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WKSHP	Bald Mt.	Peggy Medved	HiYa@voyager.net
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Articles due Nov. 10 for the December RAY issue to Pete Lamb at petekandu@yahoo.com (Note earlier date because Press closed for Thanksgiving holiday)

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

7	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes Linda Rodrick	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com lindamra@aol.com
		Program: SOLAR Holiday Party- Theme: Holidays Around the World			

DECEMBER CLASSES

8, 15	WED	SOLAR BASIC MOUNTAINEERING & SAFETY CLASS	Moosejaw- Birmingham	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
9, 16	THUR	SOLAR WINTER BACKPACKING CLASS	EMS	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

4	TUE	GENERAL MEETING	COLONY HALL	Tom Hayes Linda Rodrick	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com lindamra@aol.com
		Program: SOLAR Trips			
28-Feb. 7	WEEK	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING	Austria	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
28-30	WKND	ANNUAL CRAWLATHON	Kentucky	Penny Lopez	kavekrawler@yahoo.com

JANUARY CLASSES

5, 13, 26	WED	SOLAR BASIC MOUNTAINEERING & SAFETY CLASS	Moosejaw- Birmingham	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
6, 13, 20, 27	THUR	SOLAR WINTER BACKPACKING CLASS	EMS	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
22-23	WKND	SOLAR WINTER BCKPG PRACTICAL #1	Waterloo	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
29-30	WKND	SOLAR BASIC MOUNTAINEERING PRACTICAL #2	TBD	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/CLASSES

Feb. 4-6	Winter Bckpg Practical #2	Figeon River	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
Feb. 11-13	Mountaineering Practical #2	Nordhouse	Lou Szakal	everest2006@aol.com
Feb. 11-13	Day Sledding	Ontario	Karen Bates	lady_musher@yahoo.com

FOR INFORMATION ON JOINING THE SOLAR CLUB, CONTACT PENNI LOPEZ (248) 477-7547 OR VISIT WWW.SOLAROUTDOORS.ORG

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PLAN AND/OR LEAD A SOLAR ACTIVITY, CONTACT
PAM RIEHL SZAKAL AT (248) 695-0367 OR SEND EMAIL TO solaractivities@netscape.net

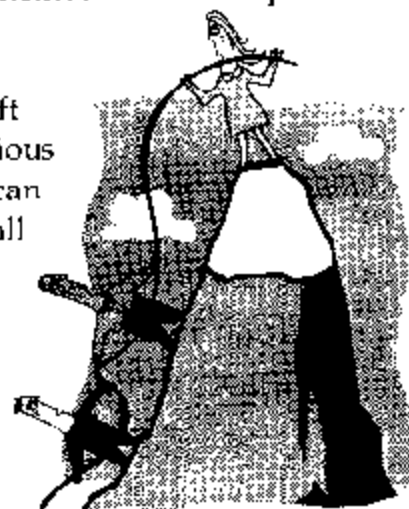
SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY YOU MAY
"SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

** DENOTES NON-SOLAR ACTIVITY (Solar will not be held responsible for these activities)

SOLAR WANTS YOU..... To Be A SOLAR Trip Leader

Have you ever planned a family vacation? Booked a hotel room? Reserved a campsite? Then you are qualified to be a SOLAR trip leader. SOLAR is looking for enthusiastic members to lead trips for the remainder of 2004 and in 2005.

Why would you want to lead a trip? First, you could qualify for a \$15 gift certificate to an area outdoor store (drawing at the general meeting for previous month's trip leaders). Second, as long as the trip does not lose money, you can build the cost of your "spot" into the trip costs. Finally, you can put to use all the knowledge you have gained from your SOLAR classes and encourage others.



How do you lead a trip?

1. Submit to Pam Riehl Szakal SOLAR Activities Chairperson a brief description of the trip including dates, location, number of participants, cost, etc. Pam will review, approve, and notify you within a few days. Your trip will be posted on the SOLAR website and in the monthly calendar placed in the newsletter and distributed at the meetings. Submit to solaractivities@netscape.net or call Pam at 248-709-6773.
2. Next, submit an article to the SOLAR Ray Editor, Pete Lamb (petekandu@yahoo.com) for publication in the next month's newsletter. Contact Pete or refer to SOLAR Ray for submission deadlines.
3. Contact Reggie Hayes the club Treasurer (thomashayes@wideopenwest.com) to discuss any finance issues—funds for deposit, collecting & submitting trip fees, etc. SOLAR Trips qualify for some benefits non-SOLAR trips may not qualify for.
4. At the SOLAR meetings be sure to bring trip information and hand out flyers as you will have an opportunity to announce your trip and encourage others members to participate. Pam will provide you with sign-up forms.
5. Get a membership list from Penny Lopez (kavekrawler@yahoo.com), the Membership Chairperson, to confirm that all participants are current members if it is a SOLAR trip.
6. When the trip is complete, submit an article to the Ray (optional) and give a trip recap at the next monthly meeting.

Sample trips SOLARites have lead in the past include: Hiking, Backpacking, Biking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Archeology Digs, Fossil Hunts, Horseback Riding, Primitive Skills, Rock Climbing, Caving, Downhill & XC Skiing, Snow shoeing, Holiday Festivals, Dinners and other Social Gatherings.

Locations SOLARites have lead trips to in the past: Manitou Island, Tobermory, Bay City State Park, Manistee River Trail, Jordan River Pathway, Red River Gorge, Pere Marquette Trail, Hocking Hills, Toledo Zoo, Niagara on the Lake and many more!!!

So be adventurous, lead a trip and see how much fun you can have!

Basic Mountaineering Class

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to stand on the Summit of a Mountain?
Or to even know what it takes to get there?
Here is your chance to find out

Starting in December 2004, through February 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., I will be teaching the Basic Mountaineering and Safety Skills Class to 10 lucky students who are interested in devoting their time and energy to the sport of Mountaineering.

COST \$130.00

Here's what you get:

Self Arrest
Fixed Lines
Roped Travel
Running Belays
Health/Fitness Issues
Basic Mountain Skills
Avalanche Issues
Ice Axe Use
Leadership
Navigation

Optional Mountain Trip
Technical Tool Usage
Mountain Safety
First Aid Issues
Crampon Use
Knots
Weather
Climbing Issues
Glacier Crossing
Z & C pulley system
Mountaineering Books

Clothing
Gear Issues
Crevasse Rescue
Reading Material
Expedition Planning
Environmental Ethics
2 Weekend Practicals
Ascending Ropes
Ropes/Webbing
Alpine Rescue
Sled Skills

Top Notch Instruction from Top Notch Instructors

Prerequisites:

Mandatory

Basic Backpacking
Land Navigation
Winter Camping
Red Cross First Aid/ CPR
Certification
Belay card (Rock Gym)

Recommended

Wilderness First Aid
Rock Climbing
Intermediate Backpacking
Advanced Backpacking
Search and Rescue

Helpful Experience

XC Ski/Snowshoe
Ice Climbing
S.M.O.C. Experience

CLASS SCHEDULE

Location: Moosejaw, Birmingham, MI

Class 1	12/08/04	Wed.
Class 2	12/15/04	Wed.
Class 3	01/05/05	Wed.
Class 4	01/19/05	Wed.
Class 5	01/26/05	Wed.
Practical 1	01/29-30/05	Fri. Sat.
Class 6	02/09/05	Wed.
Practical 2	02/11-13/05	Fri.-Sun

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SOLAR is a non profit Club with 400-plus members dedicated to the intelligent enjoyment of nature and outdoor pursuits.

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$55 per family) and includes discounts on a number of retail outfitters, access to club-owned equipment, a monthly newsletter, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like-minded adventurers drawn together by a common love of pristine lakes, breathtaking vistas, virgin forests and scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there.

SOLAR MEETINGS

Are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at the Colony Hall, 21780 Evergreen (between 8 & 9 Mile Roads) at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome for free.

Solar Steering Committee

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SOLAR Steering Committee Meetings - The Steering Committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are usually open to the general membership. Anyone who is interested in learning what topics are discussed, the decisions being made, or contemplating running for a position on the Steering Committee, is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the Steering Committee Meeting, contact Tom Hayes at (586) 778-3589 or thomashayes@wideopenwest.com.

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Submission Guidelines:

(Submissions are due on the Friday two weeks prior to the monthly Steering Committee Meeting (November 9 for December issue). Electronic files accessible to Word are required.)
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