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### **AUGUST MEETING**

**Wednesday**

**August 16, 7:30 pm**

**Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets**

**Downtown Anchorage**

**Program: TBA.**

### **HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE**

#### **Aug 11 – 13    Lane Hut/Glacier**

Stay in hut if available - bring tent anyway. Hike, scramble, climb peaks in area. We'll determine what to climb once there - depends on personnel, weather, conditions, etc. We'll lighten loads by sharing stoves, water filters, tents. 4000 feet elev. gain. Need ice axe, crampons, helmet. Meet Friday, 8AM at Carrs Muldoon or 10AM at trailhead (Hatcher Pass Road past Mother Lode Lodge to Archangel Road, park at end of road.) Class D.

Leaders: Matt Nedom 278-3648,  
John Hess 348-7363

#### **Aug 13 Mounts Magnificent and Significant**

Scenic trek high over Eagle River Valley. Good physical condition required, 15 miles and 4000 feet

elevation gain. Bring rain gear, gaiters, food / water. Class D.

Leader: David Peters 696-8070

#### **Aug 27 Mountain Meadow Trek**

Start on the maintained trail at E.R. Visitor Center and explore the high mountain meadows overlooking Eagle River Valley. Bushwacking, scree, loose rock, and bears. Class D.

Leader: David Peters 696-8070

## TRIP REPORTS

### Souvenir Peak—Revisited

by Bill Romberg

MCA members, Paul Kotelman, John Maltas, Kathy Still, Kirk Towner and I made a one-day ascent of both summits of Souvenir Peak from the Mint Valley trailhead on July 22. Despite a gloomy forecast, a soggy, over-grown trail and a chilly stream crossing, the group made good progress up the Lone-Tree gulch towards a finger of snow leading up to the col between the two summits. The only technical obstacle was a short step of wet rock that served as a funnel for 60 feet of loose rock and scree just below the col. This section provided us with some excitement as the movement of the rope often dislodged loose rocks from above. From the col, it was an easy scramble to the North summit where we enjoyed clearing skies and views of Moose Creek Valley and local peaks.

The north summit register consisted of a rusty can containing 3-sheets of deteriorating paper detailing the first ascent by an all-women MCA group led by Helga Bading and a few more recent ascents in the 1990s. We added a sheet of candy wrapper paper to the register with a short note and placed it in a zip-lock bag before returning the rusty can to the cairn. Then we descended to the col and climbed the south summit admiring the overhanging west faces of these "twin" summits.

After some debate we all decided that the north summit was indeed a few feet higher than the south summit, which is probably why a summit register was not located on the south summit when visited by Tom Choate, Kirk Towner and me the previous November (see Feb 2000 *Scree*). We enjoyed a quick snack and a few flakes of snow on the summit and then headed down, enjoying an excellent glissade from below the saddle to the south of the summit. A brief period of warm sunshine caught us on the descent warming spirits before the rains moved back in. After safely crossing back across the Little Susitna, we headed out the trail arriving back at the trailhead by 7 P.M. - an 11-hour round trip.

Future parties heading to Souvenir Peak will find registers on both summits and should

consider taking sufficient paper to copy the handwritten entries in the N. summit register before they become completely unreadable. A new canister for the N. summit register would be good as well.

#### Tuesday Night Hikes

MCA member John Hess will lead various evening trips throughout the summer in and around Anchorage. This is a great opportunity to meet new hiking and climbing partners. Call John: 348-7363

#### Wanted

One energetic person to oversee the fabrication and installation of a new outhouse at the Scandinavian Hut. Contact Mark: 338-0705

#### For Sale

One Sport Jannu, European size 10, extremely warm Koflach w/ Scarpa Inverno Liners, size 10  
Call Mark: 338-0705

#### Conference

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilderness Risk Management Conference. September 21-23. Held in Anchorage at the Marriott Downtown, hosted by UAA and sponsored by the Wilderness Risk Managers Committee. Keynote speaker will be astronaut, Dr. Shannon Lucid, veteran of six space flights. The conference activities include:

- Wilderness First Responder Recertification by the Wilderness Medicine Institute
- Instructor training by Outward Bound
- Sea Kayak Rescue by NOLS
- Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue by NOLS
- Ice climbing, and backpacking by UAA

Conference topics include everything from Legal Liability to Safety Audits to Risk Assessment. There will be discussions about managing risks in many areas of outdoor activities, working with the media, analyzing accidents, medical emergencies, etc., etc. Registration \$275 by August 15, or \$375 at the door. Call UAA: 786-4068

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### The Leader's Corner

This is a new section for MCA trip leaders and persons interested in leading MCA trips. The Leader's Corner will be used to announce training events, provide tips on leading safe club outings, and keep leaders informed of changes to guidelines for MCA sanctioned trips. If you would like to see a specific topic or question addressed in future issues, contact Bill Romberg at [wromberg@gci.net](mailto:wromberg@gci.net) or 677-3993.

#### New policy on club-sanctioned trips effective Aug 1, 2000

In March 2000 the Board of Directors proposed several changes to the MCA policy on club-sanctioned trips to help insure that all MCA trips



are conducted in a safe manner by qualified leaders. The new policy became effective Aug 1, 2000. Some of the primary changes to the policy include adding the requirement that MCA trip leaders hold current certifications in basic first and CPR (or Basic Life Support-BLS) and that leaders attend an MCA Leader Orientation course once every five years as a refresher. The Board also added language to require **new** leaders of **technical** trips (Class E or higher) to have served as co-leader on a similar-level trip with a qualified MCA trip leader first. In addition, the Board revised and added the Trip Leader Responsibilities and Trip Leader Checklist documents to the policy to provide current and new leaders with a clear understanding of club rules and procedures for leading club trips. Two Leader Orientation courses were held this spring/summer (April & July) to explain the new changes and answer questions regarding leader qualifications, trip rules, and trip guidelines/procedures. The Trip Leader Course Packet which contains the revised policy, and other information useful to trip leaders is available on the MCA website under Membership Information or can be obtained at the monthly meeting. One additional Leader Orientation Course will be held October 18, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the Oct. general meeting) for all those who were unaware of the requirement and/or were unable to attend the previous courses.

#### **Motorola hand-held radios available to trip leaders**

MCA recently added 4 Motorola FRS handheld radios to the list of equipment that can be checked out by qualified trip leaders for use on club-sanctioned trips. These small handheld radios have a range of up to 2 miles and were purchased for the purpose of maintaining communication within the group on club outings. The radios are powered by 3 AA batteries and can be checked out from Paul Templeton, co-chair of the Hiking and Climbing Committee, 688-2551 or [kavikak@gci.net](mailto:kavikak@gci.net). In addition to the radios, the club has 1 EPIRB and 6 avalanche beacons (including 2 MTS Trackers) that can be checked out for club-sanctioned trips.

**Next Issue:** Instructor Guidelines for 2000 Ice Climbing Festival, Matanuska Glacier

#### **Web Chat**



[nps.gov/joshua tree:](http://nps.gov/joshua tree:)

Four hikers were attacked by a swarm of bees on Sunday, June 25th, at the Negropolis Formation, about four miles from the park's west entrance station. Each was stung repeatedly, with one victim receiving over 100 stings and breaking his leg while fleeing the attack. The bees have since been positively identified as Africanized honey bees. The area adjacent to the attack was closed to the public for over a week. Rangers made several attempts to find the hive with the assistance of pest management personnel from San Bernadino County and one of the four victims, but all efforts to locate it have so far been unsuccessful. The area has reopened. Cautionary information is being distributed at visitor centers and entrance stations.

patrick suddath

[nps.gov/yosemite:](http://nps.gov/yosemite:)

On June 25th, four climbers were injured by lightning while climbing the southeast buttress of Cathedral Peak. When the lightning struck, Andrew Betts, 24, Brad Betts, 28, and Gerard Meade, 28, were on the final pitch of their ascent, and Bojan Silic, 23, and Wolfgang Ertel, 42, had just reached the summit. Three of the climbers lost consciousness and four received minor burns. A ham radio operator relayed the first report to the park, stating that just one person had been injured. Because of the storm, it was not possible to fly in by helicopter, so a 12-person rescue team led by rangers Jeff Webb and Paul Austin hiked to the area. While they were en route, they learned that four climbers had been injured and that they were assisting each other on a technical descent on the northwest side of the peak. Four additional rescuers were dispatched to the scene. Paramedic Keith Lober and EMT Steve Yu heli-rappelled into the area once the storm cleared. The Betts brothers were evacuated by trail, then taken by ambulance to the Mammoth Lakes hospitals; the other two injured climbers declined treatment. All are expected to recover from their injuries.

maura longden



# Give Us Your Best Shot

For the Mountaineering Club of Alaska's

## 2001 Photo Calendar

We're looking for *every* MCA member's favorite photos for the **2001 MCA Calendar**. Packed with information on local peaks, club events, and the very best of *your* photos, the 2001 MCA Calendar will be better than ever!

So be sure to grab your camera as you head for the hills, because it's time for our **Photo Contest**.

### Photo Contest Rules:

- ◆ Any current (2000) club member is eligible to enter.
- ◆ Photos should be hiking- or climbing-related.
- ◆ A club member may enter **one photo in each of the four categories:**

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**Hiking ~ on-the-trail, off-the-trail, ridge-running, stream-crossing, bushwhacking, or scree-scrambling travel**

**Climbing ~ your wildest action or most aesthetic scene while climbing on rock, ice, snow, or glacier**

**People ~ your half-crazed, half-dazed, or half-amazed friends — go ahead *shoot* your fellow club members!**

**Scenery ~ your best photo of a choice campsite, stunning sunrise or sunset, or majestic mountain scene**

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- ◆ You may submit any size print (5x7 recommended, no larger than 8x10), **must be received by the August meeting**. Either drop it off at a meeting or mail it to: MCA Photo Contest / PO Box 102037 / Anchorage AK 99510-2037
- ◆ All entries remain the property of the photographer; MCA is authorized to publish the photo for use in the calendar only. After judging, you may pick up your photo entries at any meeting.
- ◆ Attach a note card to the back with the following information:
  - Your name, address, and telephone
  - Category and title of the photograph
  - Any interesting details about the photo that might be published in the calendar
- ◆ Be prepared to provide a paragraph or two describing the photo if your picture is selected to appear in the calendar.

### Judging Procedure:

- ◆ Photographers' names will be kept confidential throughout the judging process, we will cover up the information on the back and issue each photo a sticker with a judging number, the category, and the title that you provide.
- ◆ If necessary, the Club Officers and Directors will narrow down the entries to the top 10-15 photos in each category. This will only be done if necessary to make the final judging process possible within the September meeting time constraints. Criteria will be a combination of photo quality, content, scenery, composition, humor, unique situations or events, adventure, being in the right place at the right time, etc.
- ◆ **Final judging will take place during the September meeting.** All members in attendance will be issued a ballot to select their top three choices from each category, plus one "Bonus" selection. Results will be announced in the October Scree. Winning photos will be published in the calendar, along with as many other entries as we can fit in.

### Prizes:

The top photo from each main category will win its owner a **gift certificate from AMH** and a **free calendar**. The second- and third-place photos in each category will win **camping or climbing gear** and other prizes, to be presented at the October meeting.

### Reserve Your Calendar and Save \$\$:

The calendars will be available at the November meeting for \$18 each. A Discount Price of \$16 each is available for members who enter a photo in the contest and pre-pay by the October meeting. Please include \$2 extra if you want your calendar mailed.



## MCA Trip Classifications

The classifications below do not take into account individual trip hazards such as river crossings, scree slopes, snow fields, bears, etc. Trip leaders are required to inform the trip participants of any such hazards either verbally, on the sign-up sheet, or in the trip description. Leader approval is required for participation on all trips.

**NON-TECHNICAL:** Following are a few standards used to classify non-technical trips. The classification is made in terms of hiking distance and altitude gain. Many trips are not on established trails.

**CLASS A:** Easy hikes with a maximum distance of 8 miles for day trips or 4 miles per day for overnight trips. Altitude gain up to 1200 feet.

**CLASS B:** Trips involving a maximum distance of up to 12 miles for a day trip or 6 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain of 1200 to 2500 feet.

**CLASS C:** Trips up to 15 miles for a day hike or 8 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain up to 3500 feet. Scree, steep grass or other rough terrain problems may be encountered.

**CLASS D:** Hikes and climbs with an altitude gain of over 3500 feet or a distance of greater than 15 miles for a day-hike or greater than 8 miles a day for an overnight trip. Peaks in this classification may require minimal climbing skills.

**CLASS E:** Hazardous climbing conditions or stream-crossing conditions may be encountered. A basic mountaineering course may be required.

**TECHNICAL:** Technical trips are open to all qualified climbers. However, the registration on any particular trip must be restricted to a safe and manageable number of climbers. Registration is made directly with the leader, who determines the qualifications needed for the trip.

**GLACIER TRAVEL:** Trips requiring roped travel over glaciers. Knowledge of crevasse rescue, and ice axe and crampon skills are required. Basic understanding of ice and snow anchors also required.

**FIFTH CLASS:** Trips which involve fifth class climbing. A Basic Mountaineering course or equivalent is required. Knowledge of belay and rappel techniques and placing anchors is required. Climbing difficulty varies widely with each trip.

**TRIP PARTICIPANTS** have the obligation to acquaint themselves with the nature of the trip and to verify that it is within their capability and experience. Anyone wishing to participate in any trip above CLASS A must have completed one or more trips of the next lower classification, or the equivalent.

Approved: MCA Board, February 15, 2000

## General Rules for MCA Sanctioned Trips

1. Proper equipment is on the reverse side of this list.
2. No dogs. (Among the reasons are bear problems.)
3. The trip leader can require special equipment and refuse participation to any person that is ill-prepared (e.g. inappropriate clothing/gear).
4. The leader's suggestions are to be followed. Do not go off alone, return or rush ahead without his (her) permission, and don't ford a stream before the leader assesses the situation. Remember, this is a club trip and the leader must know where all participants are. Anyone separating from the group without the leader's approval is no longer considered a participant the MCA Sanctioned trip.
5. The trip leader has the authority to split the group (fast and slow), dependent upon current conditions. However, he/she must appoint a qualified co-leader to lead the second group using the guidelines specified in the current Trip Leader Responsibilities.
6. Trip participants who, in the leader's opinion, put themselves or other members of the group in danger by disregarding the leader's suggestions, shall be subject to sanction by the club. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, reprimand at general meeting, exclusion from future trips, termination of annual membership, or lifetime exclusion from the club.
7. You must sign up on a trip roster (club meetings) or contact the leader, and you must have signed the club waiver to be on a club trip.
8. If you find you cannot participate after signing up on the roster, please let the leader know, both for transportation and gear-planning and so someone else can go. If you are the leader, help find a replacement.
9. Total number of people on club trips:  
Minimum: 4 (for safety reasons)  
Maximum: Leader option, depends upon the trail and campsite conditions, but generally limited to 12 in trail-less areas or State/National Parks
10. Firearms are not encouraged, and please let the leader know if you want to carry one - it will be leader's option. Aerosol bear repellent is preferred.

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## Equipment

### Summer

Rain gear that works	Mosquito repellent
Wind gear	Whistle
Wool or fleece pants	Large plastic bag
Shorts	Lighter, matches
Light long Johns	Map, compass
Wool shirt	Aerosol bear repellent (if desired)
Jacket	Moleskin/Spenco 2nd skin
Baseball cap	Ace bandage
Gloves	Surgical tape
Extra socks	Aspirin
Wool or pile hat	Gauze
Hiking boots	Anti-bacterial ointment
Stream-crossing footwear	4" x 4" pads, Band-Aids
Sunscreen	Wire



Vice grips or pliers	If snow on glacier:
Utility cord	Picket
Sewing kit	Skis or snowshoes
Tent	
Sleeping pad and bag	<u>Winter</u>
Backpack cover	Wind gear
Cook pot	Wool/fleece pants, shift
Stove (fires not allowed)	Long johns
Fuel bottle	Down jacket
Walking stick or ice axe	Wool/fleece hat
Water bottles (not canteens)	Face mask
FOOD	Mittens
	Double boots
<u>Additional for Glaciers</u>	Avalanche beacon
Ice axe	Shovel
Gaitors	Lighter
Climbing boots	Headlamp
Slings, carabiners	First aid kit
Rappel device	Repair kit
Rope	Tent (or snow shelters)
Wands	Sleeping bag and pad
Mittens	Large cook pot
Crampons	Stove
Seat Harness	Windscreen for stove
Ice screw(s)	Fuel bottle
Pulleys	Thermos
Prussiks/ascenders	Gaitors
Glacier glasses/cream	Skis or snowshoes

### Leader Qualifications

1. Must be a member of the MCA.
2. Must have approval of the Hiking and Climbing Committee (A simple majority.)
3. Must, at a minimum, be currently certified in Standard First Aid and Adult CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS).
4. Must attend an MCA Trip Leader Orientation course once every five years.
5. Must have participated in trips of the same or higher classification than the one being led, showing competence in the opinion of the leaders of those trips; or equivalent experience acceptable to the Hiking and Climbing Committee.
6. Leaders on trips of Class E or higher must have served as a co-leader with an approved MCA trip leader on at least one trip of the same classification or higher, or have equivalent experience acceptable to the Hiking and Climbing Committee. Persons with technical climbing experience wishing to waive this requirement must provide a letter to the Hiking and Climbing Committee outlining their climbing/guiding experience, training, and at least one personal reference.
7. Leaders on trips that may involve any avalanche-prone terrain must have completed formal training in avalanche hazard recognition and victim search as approved by the Hiking and Climbing Committee.
8. Leaders on trips that involve any hazardous stream crossings must have either formal training in safe stream crossing methods or have extensive experience crossing streams.

### Trip Leader Responsibilities

1. The leader must get approval of the proposed trip from the H&C Committee prior to advertising the trip.
2. Per MCA by-laws, club trips must be advertised in a club publication. In other words, the MCA membership must be informed of the trip. The H&C committee must approve the club trip about 35 days before the trip so that the H&C chair can forward the approved trip list to the editor of the Scree.
3. Important: If a H&CC approved trip cannot be planned a month in advance, the organizer may announce the trip as a personal trip at the next club meeting when the MCA president asks for announcements. Anyone may advertise a personal trip at the general membership meeting, which is an important service the club offers to all members - to help bring hikers and climbers together. The value of a club sanctioned trip is it offers the membership a trip leader that has been approved by the H&CC as a qualified leader.
4. The leader is responsible for providing and maintaining the trip sign-up sheets at monthly meetings. Coordinate with the H&CC Chair if unable to make the monthly meeting prior to the trip.
5. The leader should describe their proposed trip at club meetings.
6. The leader should contact members that have signed up for the trip to discuss the details of the trip, including proposed route, required gear, hazards, and meeting arrangements.
7. The leader must leave a trip roster containing a brief description of the proposed route and the names and telephone numbers of participants with a responsible person that will be able to contact a H&C Committee member (names and telephone numbers are on the sign-up sheet) in case of an emergency or delayed return.
8. The leader should brief trip members on the general rules for MCA sanctioned trips using the Trip Leader Checklist. If members already know each other and have been on previous trips, not much may need to be said. If new members are on the trip, use the checklist.
9. For safety and liability reasons, the leader must follow the general rules for MCA sanctioned trips as published in the MCA policies.
10. After the trip, the leader is encouraged to provide a trip report (over the phone or in writing) to the H&CC. This is just "how did the trip go" and who participated. It also serves as a means to let the H&C Committee know the trip members returned safely.

Other documents trip leaders should consult:

1. MCA Club Sanctioned Trips policy, sections on: trip classifications, general rules, leader qualifications, and recommended gear).
2. Trip Leader Checklist

Approved: MCA Board, February 15, 2000



# Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc.

## Membership Application

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) was formed in 1958 to promote the enjoyment of hiking and climbing in Alaska and the exploration of its mountains. We welcome anyone who wishes to become a member.

**Participate and Learn** The MCA conducts scheduled hikes and climbs led by experienced club members, technical mountaineering and climbing courses, and other instruction throughout the year. The club maintains eight mountain huts in the nearby Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains. The MCA/Vin Hoeman Library, located upstairs in Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking on Spenard Road, contains hundreds of books, periodicals, bound volumes of Scree, and a 'peak file' with information on local climbs. The club also loans climbing gear to members, including ice axes, helmets, crampons, snowshoes and avalanche beacons.

**Stay Informed** The MCA publishes a monthly newsletter, Scree, and sends it to all members. The Scree contains the minutes of general meetings, announcements of upcoming events, the trip schedule and trip reports written by club members. A monthly meeting and presentation is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the Pioneer Schoolhouse (corner of 3rd and Eagle Streets, downtown Anchorage). Special events or changes to the meeting will be noted in *Scree*.

- **Complete both parts of this form** if you intend to participate in club-sponsored trips, or visit an MCA hut.
- Please make checks payable to Mountaineering Club of Alaska.
- Dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family (one Scree per family).
- Membership is for one calendar year, through the 31st of December. Memberships paid after October 1st are good through the following year.
- If applying by mail, please include a self-addressed envelope for your membership card which is required to participate on club trips and training. Or you may pick it up at any monthly meeting.

Our address is: MCA  
Box 102037  
Anchorage, Ak 99510

NEW	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	
RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	
INDIVIDUAL(\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY	
FAMILY(\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBERS	
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TELEPHONE			
Join a committee?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hiking & Climbing, Parks, Equipment, Training, Library, Other	
Lead a trip?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Location: _____ Date _____	
COMMENTS _____			

Paid: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 on Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
☐ Cash or Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Card Issued for Year: \_\_\_\_\_. ☐  
Address added to Mailing List ☐

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY — READ CAREFULLY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), am aware that mountaineering sports (including hiking; backpacking; rock, snow, and ice climbing; mountaineering; skiing; and ski mountaineering) are hazardous activities. I wish to participate and/or receive instruction in these activities with the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc. ("MCA") I recognize that these activities involve numerous risks, which include, by way of example and not limitation, falling while hiking, climbing, skiing or crossing rivers or glaciers; being struck by falling rock, ice or snow; avalanches; lightning; fire; hypothermia; frostbite; defective or malfunctioning equipment; and attack by insects or animals. I further recognize that the remoteness of the activities may preclude prompt medical care. I further recognize that risk of injury or death may be caused or enhanced by mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or MCA officers, directors, guides, instructors, or trip leaders. I nevertheless agree to accept any and all risks of injury, death, or property damage that may occur in connection with any MCA activity, including use of MCA furnished equipment and use of MCA backcountry huts.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**GIVING UP MY LEGAL RIGHTS**

By signing this Agreement, I agree to give up for myself and for my heirs all legal rights I may have against the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities. **I give up these legal rights regardless of whether the injury, death, or property damage results from mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or the MCA.** (As used in this agreement, MCA means the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc., and all of its officers, directors, guides, instructors and trip leaders.) I understand this agreement shall remain in effect until such time as I provide signed written notice of its revocation to the MCA.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**MY PROMISE NOT TO SUE**

I agree that I will not sue, or otherwise make any claim against, the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities for injury, death, or property damage which occurs in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**MY RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I also agree to release and discharge the MCA and my fellow participants in MCA activities from all actions, claims, or demands, both for myself and for my heirs, dependents, and/or personal representative, for injury, death, or property damage occurring in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**MY PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY**

I agree to pay all expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, that the MCA may incur as a consequence of any legal action arising out of injury, death, or property damage suffered by me, or suffered by someone else as a result of my conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**MY CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT**

I consent to any hospital care or medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment which may be necessary as a result of my participation in activities with the MCA. I also understand and agree that I am solely responsible for all applicable charges for such medical treatment, including evacuation and/or rescue cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A BINDING, LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ME AND THE MCA AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 19): \_\_\_\_\_





# Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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**Annual membership dues: Single \$10.00 Family \$15.00 (one *Scree* per family)**

Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the treasurer at the MCA address below. If you want a membership card, please fill out the club application found on the previous page and mail it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you fail to receive the newsletter, or have questions about your membership, contact the club treasurer. The post office does not forward the newsletter.

*SCREE* is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Articles and notes submitted for publication and other communication related to the newsletter should be mailed to my address: 1106 W. 54th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99518, or e-mailed to [willy@mcak.org](mailto:willy@mcak.org). Articles should be received by September 1st to be included in the September issue.

Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be "camera ready" and pre-paid. Your cooperation will be appreciated...  
Willy Hersman, Editor, 561-7900.

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