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**JANUARY MEETING**  
**Wednesday**  
**January 21st, 7:30 pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**9th & G Streets**  
 Next to the Phillips Building  
 (you may use marked parking after hours...)  
**Downtown Anchorage**

**SLIDE SHOW: Climbing to the Top, All 50 States**  
 with Highpointer Wayne Todd

## HIKING AND CLIMBING

**Jan 17 South Fork - Eagle River Ski Tour**  
 Ski tour into the South Fork of Eagle River Valley. Must be proficient on skis. Lightweight touring gear or tele set-ups would be great for this trip. Metal edged skis would be highly recommended. Skins and avalanche gear are a must. This is considered a Class B trip. Contact trip leader Matt Nedom for further information at 278-3648.

**Jan 21 Mt. Gordon Lyon & 5 Mile Trail Ski**  
 Leave a shuttle at the top and bottom of Arctic Valley Road. Skin up Gordon Lyon after some avalanche practice. Avalanche gear, good skiing skills, mountain skis. Class C  
 Trip Leader: Stu Grenier, 337-5127

**Jan 28 Class 5 Secret Location Ski**  
 Have crampons ready to put on your ski boots. Alpine tool and harness. If we can't ski it, we climb it. Thin ice danger. Class D  
 Trip Leader: Stu Grenier, 337-5127

**Feb 10-11 Ship Creek Valley Trail**  
 Ski or snowshoe down Ship Creek Valley Trail. Clear trail, camp, party, clear more trail the next day and head home. Skins needed for skis. Class B with winter camping experience.  
 Trip Leader: Stu Grenier, 337-5127

**Feb 25 Arctic to Indian Recon**  
 24 miles of breaking trail on skis. Possible open water crossing. A 12 hour trip. Good physical condition, winter survival skills, avalanche gear, and your trusty headlamp. Class D  
 Trip Leaders: Tom Dolan & Stu Grenier, 337-5127

**If you didn't sign up for a 2 year membership last year, IT'S TIME TO RE-UP**  
**Applications inside this edition...**

## HIKING AND CLIMBING

### Feb 29 **Annual MCA Indian to Arctic Ski Tour**

24 miles of fun over possible unbroken trail and open river crossings. Skins, good physical condition, winter survival skills, avi gear. Don't forget your head lamp, 12 hour trip. Class D  
Trip Leaders, Stu Grenier & Tom Dolan, 337-5127

### Mar 6-15 **Pico de Orizaba**

Mexican volcano (18,405 feet). A non-expeditionary sample of high altitude climbing. A good ice axe arrest, helmet and crampons are required. There may be some roped travel. There will be time for acclimatization. Moderately paced.  
Class D and Basic Mountaineering skills  
Limit 8 Trip Leader: John Recktenwald, 336-2675

## 2004 CALENDAR

### 2004 MCA Mountain Culture Calendar

We will still have some calendars for sale at the January MCA meeting. As of January 3rd we are completely sold out but have 75 more on order. They should be for sale again at AMH by January 6 and still are being sold at the AK Rock Gym, Girdwood Ski and Cyclery, and the Tourist Trap in Girdwood. The foyer at REI seems to be open for sales again so if anyone would like to volunteer to tell people about the MCA and maybe sell a few calendars give me a call at 337-5127. It is a lot of fun and thanks to everyone who has already helped out. Sales will exceed 500 calendars this year and may go higher yet.

Stu Grenier

*Mountain Culture Calendar Committee*

## TRAINING

January 21 **Mountaineering School Enrollment**  
at the General Meeting

January 22 - February 22 **MCA Mountaineering School**

Mountaineering School is a series of classes, intended to prepare the novice mountaineer for expeditions and extended trips. The school is taught by MCA volunteer instructors who have expertise in different aspects of mountaineering. The manuals typically used for this school are the 7th edition of Freedom of the Hills (a classic bible of mountaineering), Snow Sense, The Avalanche Handbook, and Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue.

The cost is **\$75** per student for all of the classes in the series. This covers classroom rental time, glacier access fees and monies to cover the cost of purchasing equipment to provide to the students.

Meet for one evening classroom session (sometimes 2 in the case of avalanche awareness) and then a weekend session in the field. MCA can provide some of the gear for the school but students will be primarily responsible for their own gear.

Locations and meeting times may be changed at any time.

### *Schedule:*

**Snow Camping & Shelters** Jan. 22, 24-25

**Avalanche Awareness** Jan. 27, 29, 31-Feb. 1

**Navigation & Backcountry Travel** Feb. 5, 7-8

**Snow Climbing** Feb. 12, 14-15

**Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue** Feb. 19, 21-22

To sign-up attend the January general meeting or call Steve Parry (the training coordinator) at 248-8710. All participants must be current MCA members.

*Note: All qualified MCA leaders are invited to help instruct. If interested please contact Steve Parry at 248-8710*

### Feb 3 **Acute Mountain Sickness, Frostbite and Hypothermia**

Wonder about HACE or HAPE? What would you do if your buddy is babbling nonsense and taking off his clothes at 30F? Learn more from Deb Ajango, a Wilderness Medical Associates Qualified Instructor.

6:30-9:30p Lyla Richards Conference Room, UAA (downstairs in the Campus Center).

Sign up at the January General Meeting; Contact John Recktenwald for more information 336-2675.

## TRIP REPORTS

### Paddles and Peaks

by Tim Kelley

In past issues of Scree, MCA members have written about “paddle-climbs”. Such trips combine kayaking to the base of a peak, usually by sea kayak, and then climbing from sea (or lake or river) level to the summit. Paddle climbs are usually very fulfilling trips as one gets to experience the aquatic zone, the high snow and glacial alpine zone and all eco-zones in between.

Here are a few trip reports of climbs I did last summer that involved paddling. These are some fairly quick trips to neat areas southeast of Anchorage. (Note: digital panoramic pictures from some of the mountaintops mentioned in this article can be seen at: <http://home.gci.net/~infodyne/Photos/TKPanos.htm>)

**Peak 4097** (Mt. Luther Kelly), Billings Creek (Passage Canal), Prince William Sound (Seward D-5, T9N, R4E, S24)

Colin Quinn-Hurst joined me on June 7<sup>th</sup> to explore the Billings Creek section of the Kelly Trail. Back in the spring of 1898 Luther “Yellowstone” Kelly led an exploratory party from Billings Creek on Passage Canal over the 2250’ pass to the south of Peak 4097, down to Carmen Lake and then out the Twentymile River drainage. The party was searching for a mail route that could be used during the winter from Prince William Sound through the Chugach Mountains to Knik Arm. Back then, with no good maps and before planes were invented, exploration is how new routes were found.

The Kelly Trail exists as a historical reference only. Kelly deemed the route not practical for mail carriers and the route has seldom been traveled since. As a side note, Luther Kelly eventually did find a winter route through the Chugach Mountains to Knik Arm. In June 1898, Kelly and Walter Mendenhall made the first recorded crossing from the Crow Creek mining area, over Crow Pass and out the Eagle River drainage to Knik Arm. This route would become a dogsled mail route and part of the Iditarod trail system.

At 7:30 AM we emerged from the dark Anton Tunnel to brilliant weather in Whittier. We parked on the beach on the west end of Passage Canal, loaded up our sea kayaks and started paddling at 8:00. We paddled the north shore of Passage Canal, past the thundering waterfalls and bird rookeries, to Billings Creek. This paddle is about 5 miles long.

We hauled our boats up above high tide line, shouldered our packs and began bushwhacking. Keeping to the right of the creek that drains the cirque to the south of Peak 4097 we

worked our way through the normal Prince William Sound maze of lowland bogs. Before long we got into the fun stuff: steep, slippery ridges between stream drainages, balance beam walking on moss-covered downed trees and the obligatory vertical alder thrashing. After about 2 1/2 hours of jungle jockeying we got to our tree line target - the prominent waterfall that drains the cirque.

Now at all of 700 feet in altitude, we took a break by this thundering hydraulic beauty that cut through a notch in the rock and tundra and then pitched 50 feet down. This scenic spot was a natural stop for anyone traveling this country. Off in a section of alders there appeared to be confirmation that this was a good campsite. There looked to be remnants of an old fire pit ring. Perhaps it was left a century before (105 years to be exact) by Luther and his buddies.

From the falls Colin and I trucked north up the ridge that leads to a 3200 foot flat snow covered point to the east of Peak 4097. The going was great on tundra, rock and then snowfields. But soon we ran into problems on the snow. Colin had forgotten to bring sunglasses. And I had apparently lost my sunglasses while caching the boats. With the mid-day sun bombarding the snowfields with intense solar rays, our retinas were starting to get baked to a crisp. Squinting wasn’t cutting it. And we sure didn’t want to become snow-blind.

Then I remembered, in my repair kit I had some no-stick tape. This tape is a new-age ace bandage-like stuff. It’s stretchy plastic gauze that sticks to itself without adhesive. And as luck would have it, the tape was black. I cut a couple of pieces of tape and Colin and I wrapped them around our head and eyes. It worked pretty well, you could see through the holes in the tape and it cut down on the glare. We were now wearing new millennium Eskimo snow goggles! Though we both looked like Zoro the Dorkmeister.

At the 3000-foot level we traversed over to the base of the final pitch up our summit goal. Before us was 1000 plus feet of loose rock scrambling with a bit of route work to avoid exposure. On the way up we were treated to views of the Learnard Glacier across the valley to the south. This broken and battered ice tongue tenaciously hangs onto the mountainside above the South Fork of the Carmen River.

With 500 feet or so to go to the top I disturbed a rock and saw it start to teeter. I reached out to stop its fall towards Colin. I apparently grabbed the rock just right, or is that “just wrong”, because it cleanly slit a deep gash in the base of my left thumb. Now it was time to use the rest of the no-stick tape for the reason I brought it in the first place – to put myself back together. As I was wrapping my hand up I looked in envy at the “Ironclad” work gloves Colin had on. I would have a pair of my own in a couple of days! These are great rock scrambling gloves that you can buy at hardware stores.

A stretch of airy ridge walking brought us to the summit. From the top there were great summer-winter views. Being early June, the valleys were greening but the ridge-tops were still smothered in wind-sculpted snow. We built a small cairn on top of this obscure peak that we now refer to as Mt. Luther Kelly. It seems the pass to the south that called Kelly to test this route for winter travel would aptly be named Yellowstone Pass.

Tracing our route back, we got back to Whittier at 7:30 in the evening.

### **Derickson Bay and Deep Water Bay Area, Prince William Sound**

The Derickson Bay and Deep Water Bay area on the southern bend of Port Nellie Juan is a popular area for kayak trips. Rightfully so. This place is gorgeous (when the weather is nice). Besides the normal Prince William Sound draws of tidewater glaciers and great kayaking this area also has excellent hiking. And for peak scramblers the attraction of this area can be summed up in one word: Granite!

On July 12<sup>th</sup> I was kicking around this area with my wife and dogs. What a day! It was the start of this phenomenal stretch of crystal clear, no wind and close to 80 degree weather that lasted for about two weeks this summer. We were anchored for the night off the Nellie Juan tidal lagoon spit. This is an exposed place to anchor. But the cool air rolling down off the Nellie Juan Glacier created a strong enough breeze to keep the bugs away!

When temperatures cooled a bit in the evening I paddled away from the mother ship into the tidal lagoon. This is an extremely unique place. When the tide is going out icebergs tumble, bob, crunch and grind out the effluent. Now the tide had shifted and icebergs were following me back into the lagoon for the night. It's hard to make good time paddling through this area. You pull out the camera to try and capture images of bizarrely sculpted ice, only to find an even more amazing work of ice art a few more paddles ahead.

Crossing in front of the Nellie Juan Glacier terminus demands your attention. Besides the occasional house sized iceberg calving, there is a constant stiff downdraft of cool air rushing off the ice. This wind made the water quite choppy for paddling.

Beaching my kayak on the south edge of the tidal lagoon, I took off to scramble up the 2153-foot granite peak to the south (Seward B-4, T4N, R6E, Section 15). I found some cairns making a trail that veered southwest to the Nellie Juan Glacier. But I kept climbing up the ridge. Which soon turned to smooth granite.

Being primarily a Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains crud

prowler, this sun baked, dry and smooth granite was quite the novelty. Any lichens on the rock, which if wet would be slick as snot, now made crispy killer traction. Once above brush line things got even better. Carpets of alpine heather tundra were laid amongst granite ramps. What a blast this place was! With running shoes you'd sprint towards the rock ramps and then do a friction fail to get to the next tundra step. On and on this went. This was a crazed peak bagger's playground!

Near the top the tundra gave way to snow and rock. The summit view at 10 PM was memorable. Low light warmly touched the massive Sargent Icefield that enclosed three sides of this peak. I built a small cairn and headed back down to the kayak.

A cold glacial wind driven chop pushed me back across the lagoon. In the distance there were a cluster of drifting icebergs and I noticed that there were 2 dark objects on one berg. I figured that they might be sea otters, so I lined my craft up with other icebergs so the otters couldn't see me coming. I quietly drifted around the last berg before them and found myself 30 feet from two sleeping otters. As I floated by them taking pictures I had to fight back laughter so that I wouldn't wake them. This chubby otter couple was zonked out cold on their frozen waterbed, and snoring louder than chainsaws!

The granite peaks at the head of Deep Water Bay have likely been impressed everyone that has been in Port Nellie Juan on a clear day. Two peaks stand out: a 3596 footer with a big wall on its northeast side and a pointed 3000+ footer (Seward C-4, T6N, R6E, Section 30) to its north. On our way out of Derickson Bay I said that if the weather held I'd be back next weekend to visit that area.

The 75 to 80 degree clear weather actually did hold throughout the week. So on Saturday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup>, I boated down to Deep Water Bay. I anchored my peak bagger's tub off the white sand beaches at the head of the bay and kayaked to shore. My goal was to scramble up the southeast ridge of the 3000+ footer. This route looked enticing as the upper 2000 feet was a long constant grade of smooth rolling granite.

The initial part of the approach was easy, with a bit of streambed willow thrashing. Cracked dry mud, where tundra ponds had once been, spoke of the abnormally long stretch of hot and clear weather that had been cooking this usually cloudy and wet area. I forded Contact Creek where it braided out below large falls near the Contact Glacier terminus. Instead of taking the ridge directly from the falls area (which is the best way to go!) I decided to take a "short cut" up a wooded cirque behind the lake at the base of the peak.

What looked easy soon turned into very steep and tough bushwhacking involving climbing spruce roots that hung off



cliffs. A plethora of monster-sized salmonberries also slowed me down. Gaining the ridgeline I was drenched in sweat from the heat. But I was happy for the sun. From here there was much friction scrambling on smooth granite slabs. The sun crisp lichens provided great footing. There's no way I could have stayed on this rock if it was wet.

After backtracking from a number of dead-end drop-offs I broke out of brush line. It had taken almost two hard hours to climb only 800 feet. Brutal! But the jungle grunt was worth it. Now I was now in the granite zone. From here undulating rolls of smooth clean granite, with snow patches here and there, led up into the sky. I'd never been on mountain ridge like this before in Alaska, or anywhere. I found myself in no hurry to get the top. I purposely zig-zagged back and forth across the wide granite play-ridge to make the climb last. Too soon I was on the summit. Overall it was actually quite quick getting to this point. I left Anchorage at 5:30 AM and made the summit at 1:00 PM.

The view from the top was Prince William Sound at its best. White ice and snowfields, gray granite, the greens of spruce and tundra, calm blue fiords and sky. I left a cairn on the massive summit block and then headed back. When I got back to the beach a family with their setnet skiff was there. As I was pulling my kayak to the water the guy in the boat yells: "Hey Tim!" Just by happenstance it was a cross-country ski racer friend from Anchorage, who fishes in Main Bay during the summer. This was his first time to Deep Water Bay too.

I moved operations to Derickson Bay and then hustled to climb peaks 2950 and 2650 (Seward B-4, T4N, R6E, Sections 24 and 18) before nightfall. One phenomenon that I found curious in the approach to these peaks was the huge logs mixed in with the boulders on the streambeds. These grayed, well-preserved, old tree trunks are much larger than any other trees in the area. How did they get there? Maybe landslides triggered by the 1964 quake decimated the large trees in the area? It's not clear to me what the natural history of these deceased forest giants would be.

Sunday I recovered from Saturday's peak bagging by paddling the Nellie Juan tidal lagoon and areas around Derickson Bay. The weather was still "Arizona in Alaska". I was in no hurry to leave such a great place and head back to Anchorage.

***(ed note: Look for a trip report from Tim Kelley of a paddle/climb of Bard's Peak in a future Scree)***

## TRIP REPORTS

### Wilderness First Responder Class in Talkeetna

*-John Recktenwald*

Over the last decade I have been putting off taking serious first aid training in spite of being aware of the benefit. I decided to give it a try when the Alaska Mountaineering School (AMS) sponsored a WFR class October 31 through November 8 last fall in Talkeetna.

The class format is very intensive. Two 4 day stretches with a day off in the middle for 9 days total. The classes ran from 8 to 8 with 30 to 45 minutes for lunch and 10 to 20 minutes for dinner. After 8 at night most of us had plenty of homework. For me, the 'day off' consisted of reading and reviewing. The goal of the class is to give you the knowledge to deal with medical emergencies and problems in a wilderness environment.

I was pretty fortunate to have taken the class when I did. The students included the owner of Alpine Ascents guiding service, a seven summitter, another seven summitter with 12 Aconcagua summits, a Sherpa who has summited Everest six times, the head ranger for the Park Service in Denali who has participated in many Alaska range rescues/recoveries, and well known Alaskan, Vern Tejas, a seven summitter who made the first successful solo winter ascent of Denali. A couple of SAR dog handlers came up from Utah to take the class here because they expected the level of instruction here to be higher. Many of the students were renewing expired certifications or crossing over from some other certifications, so if you go with no background like me, be prepared to work hard.

The teacher for this class was from Eagle River. Deb Ajango is an experienced Denali guide and alpinist who teaches at UAA and travels around the country teaching this course. She was assisted by her husband Blaine Smith, a good guy and another veteran Denali guide. Deb's ability to hold people's attention for 12 hours really has to be experienced. Amazing. I don't believe she is teaching the spring class in Talkeetna.

There are several organizations such as WMI, SOLO, NOLS, WMA or WPT that teach and certify various wilderness medicine certifications (Wilderness first aid, wilderness first responder and others). The class in Talkeetna was through Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA). If you are considering others, be aware that WMA has the best T-shirts.

This class is a great thing to do that will help your decision making ability (or scare you out of the woods forever). Highly recommended.

*Deb Ajango will be teaching the MCA Acute Mountain Sickness, hypothermia and frostbite class on February 3.*



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**MCA meeting Minutes**  
**12-17-03**

### **Introductions of new members**

### **Treasurer's Report - \$16,026 total balance**

#### **Dr. Rodman Wilson – Moment of Silence**

Dr. Wilson was a founding member of the MCA, and an early president of the club. He passed away December 10, 2003. He had recently donated an entire complete collection of American Alpine Journals to the Anchorage Loussac Library for public use. He also was a co-author of the recently published Tordillo Climbing Guidebook. Dr. Wilson was a true Alaskan pioneer, not only with his outdoor adventures, but with his prominence in the Anchorage community for many years. He will be sorely missed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Hiking and Climbing – Trip leaders wanted. Submit trip ideas to Matt Nedom or Richard Baranow. Upcoming trips include a South Fork Eagle River ski tour January 17, an international expedition to Pico de Orizaba in Mexico in March, and an acute mountain sickness class March 3.

Training – General mountaineering training course January 23 to February 23. Thursday evenings and weekends. Instructors and students needed. \$75 fee. Contact Steve Parry.

Calendars – Stu Grenier has sold 450 of the 2004 calendars. For sale at MCA meetings for \$10, or at AMH or REI. Contact Stu 337-5127 with questions.

#### **December 12 board meeting review:**

Library – Sean Bolender has moved the Vin Hoeman collection from AMH to Bill Romberg's house temporarily 677-3993. AMH renovation left no room for this collection. Looking for permanent institutional location in Anchorage.

Training curriculum being reviewed

2004 budget proposed and discussed. Will be voted on in the new year. Discussion included increasing membership dues from \$10/\$15 for single/family to \$15/\$20. Dues have not been increased in over 15 years. New gear will probably be

purchased for the training committee, with the training fees paying for the purchase. Additional funds are being directed to the hut committee for general upkeep as well as potentially building a new hut.

#### **Announcements:**

Ice climbing access to Eklutna Canyon ice climbing user fee is not yet being enforced as of 12/17/03. Eklutna Corporation has said they will require a \$100 annual user fee, but no word on when this will go into effect.

Candyland ice climbing permit required from the Alaska Railroad. This area is within the AK RR right of way and requires a free permit and release of liability. Contact the AK RR for details. You must go down in person to fill out the paperwork. All climbers must have a permit.

Chugach State Park access from new subdivisions. Recent subdivisions have blocked access to the CPS. On January 30 the Anchorage Land Use Code will begin revisions to possibly require new subdivisions to leave access to the CSP. Contact Tom McDermott to assist in lobbying for this needed change.

### **Christmas Potluck was enjoyed by all**

**Potpourri Slides were presented by several members. It was a great show.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Hart  
*Secretary*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenneth Kamler, MD, author of Surviving the Extremes: A Doctor's Journey to the Limits of Human Endurance, will speak in Anchorage on January 24, 7:30pm 2004 at Title Wave Books.

Dr. Kamler was on Everest in 1996 during the tragic climb profiled in Jon Krakauer's book Into Thin Air. Dr. Kamler writes compellingly of the mental and physiological elements that combine to determine who lives and who dies when the human body is faced with extremes of altitude, temperature, heat, cold and pressure.

This book will be of interest to everyone who has ever faced the elements, or marveled at the stories of survival told by those who have.

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### Adventure Series Workshops Being Taught at Mat-Su College

Workshops are being held at Mat-Su College. Classes in January include Wilderness First Aid with Deb Ajango, and Avalanche Safety taught by Doug Melling. In February there is a workshop on Learning Map, Compass, and GPS. Several other workshops and classes on topics such as Outdoor Photography and the History of Hatcher Pass are scheduled for later in the term.

Other classes are offered for the spring term.

**For further details and registration procedures visit [http://www.matsu.alaska.edu/CBS/community\\_interest.htm](http://www.matsu.alaska.edu/CBS/community_interest.htm) or call Judy at 746-9302. In Anchorage, call Dawn Scott at 223-4001**

## ADZE

### **For Sale: Snowboard Boots and Bindings**

1 pair Burton size 39 (ladies 8) Freestyle soft boots; Burton strap bindings. \$50

1 pair Vans size 39 (ladies 8) Capri boots, compatible with Switch step-in bindings; Switch step-in bindings. \$50

Willing to trade for cross country track or skate skis, or ???

Amsl, 336-2675

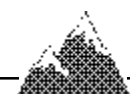
### **Information Wanted**

A highly experienced Outside climber will be visiting me (a not-so experienced one) in June/July 2004. He has never climbed in Alaska. We would like to plan a 3-5 day trip in Chugach (or elsewhere) involving glacier travel, challenging but not too technical climbing, spectacular views and guaranteed good weather (flexible on the last requirement).

We'd also like to take our two strong but less experienced teenagers.

Would appreciate any suggestions.

Bonnie [swansong222@yahoo.com](mailto:swansong222@yahoo.com)



# 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 Library, located upstairs in Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking on Spenard Road, contains 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. at the First United Methodist Church at 725 West Ninth Avenue (corner of Ninth & G Streets, downtown Anchorage). Special events or changes to the meeting will be noted in Scree. Be sure to visit our website at: **www.mcak.org**

- ◆ **Complete both parts of this form. Write NEATLY!** To participate in club-sponsored trips, every member must read and complete the Release of Liability Agreement on the back of this application.
  - ◆ Please make checks payable to **Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc.**
  - ◆ Dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family (includes electronic Scree subscription-either **delivered** to your email address or **downloaded** from the MCA webpage.
  - ◆ Mailed Scree subscriptions are \$10/year and are non-refundable (one Scree per family)
  - ◆ Membership is for one calendar year, through the 31st of December.
  - ◆ Two-year, non-refundable, memberships are available for double the annual dues.
  - ◆ Memberships paid after October 1st are good through December 31st of the following year.
  - ◆ If applying by mail, please include a self-addressed, **stamped** envelope for your membership card. Otherwise, you may pick it up at any monthly meeting.
- Our address is: **MCA Box 102037 Anchorage, Ak 99510 www.mcak.org**

NEW ☐  
RENEWAL ☐

DATE   
NAME

INDIVIDUAL(\$10) ☐  
FAMILY(\$15) ☐  
2-YR MEMBERSHIP ☐

FAMILY   
MEMBERS

**Note that two-year membership dues are double the annual dues and subscription fee.**

ELECTRONIC (Free) ☐  
PAPER (\$10/yr) ☐

☐ E-mail attachment or ☐ notify when available for download  
Postal Service - please include \$15/year if outside the US

STREET or PO BOX   
CITY/STATE/ZIP   
TELEPHONE   
E-MAIL ADDRESS

I am interested in joining a committee (Circle which ones: Programs, Hiking & Climbing, Huts, Geographic Names, Parks Advisory, Equipment, Honorary, Membership, Training, or an ad hoc committee). ☐ I am interested in leading a trip.

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**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 only, falling while hiking, climbing, skiing or crossing rivers or glaciers; failure of a belay; being struck by climbing equipment or falling rock, ice or snow; avalanches; lightning; fire; hypothermia; frostbite; defective or malfunctioning equipment; and attack by insects or animals. 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 (except to the extent that insurance coverage for any claim is provided by an automobile insurance policy or related excess insurance policies). **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. Any lawsuit relating to MCA activities or this release shall only be filed in the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Third Judicial District., Anchorage, Alaska. The provisions of this release are severable and if any part of this release is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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 or my fellow participants in MCA activities may incur as a consequence of any legal action arising out of injury, death, or property damage suffered by me.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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.**

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

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

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