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Bring The Family! Invite Your Friends!

Hear what it was like to experience a total solar eclipse... See pictures of a float plane trip deep into Alaska's wild backcountry... Get up close and personal with "marine critters" like this moray eel in a coral reef in the Philippine Islands... plus much more!



On Thursday evening, January 25th, there will be a special sharing by seven local Sierra Club members with their pictures and tall tales about various hikes, trips, adventures, and experiences they had in 2017. The highly visual program of short presentations will begin at **7 p.m. at the Tuolumne Utilities District conference room off Tuolumne Road (18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora)**.

So come hear first-hand from those who had harrowing adventures, or who delighted in gripping natural beauty, or scuba dived in spectacular tropical lagoons, or took part in local hikes and outings to fun destinations that YOU will definitely want to visit yourself. Snacks will be provided. What more can you ask for? **Mark your calendars now. Invite friends. Experience the premier showing of this SHARING EVENT BY 7 LOCAL SIERRA CLUB MEMBERS.**

AND IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH...

The February 22nd Sierra Club monthly program will feature local climber Dave Harden. He'll share impressive photos of his adventures hiking deep in the Grand Canyon and a second canyon-hiking trip he made down the Paria River. His programs are always highly acclaimed, so plan to attend then, as well.

You're Invited!

Sierra Club Hikes Along The Groveland Corridor

By Bob Asquith

2018 will be a banner year for hiking along the Highway 120 corridor out of Groveland. We expect about 50 hikes – one a week – for the year. We meet at Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland. Our hikes range from 4 to 10 miles with 500 to 1800 feet of vertical climbing. During the first several months, we will be hiking at low elevations because it's warmer. Starting in March, we will begin chasing wildflowers from Lake Don Pedro and Table Mountain all the way to the crest of the Sierra at Tioga Pass in August. Along the way, we will be hitting such high points as the Tenaya Creek waterslide, Mono Pass, and the Conness Glacier. Some hikes will be repeats just because they are so fabulous, and other hikes will be new. We also plan to partner with the Forest Service to plant trees in the Rim Fire burn area in March. We have even been known to do some snowshoeing and visit wildlife refuges in the Central Valley.

By the time we reach the hot temperatures of the Central Sierra summer, we can be found hiking at 9,000 or 10,000 feet in Yosemite National Park where the temperatures are in the mid-60s.

This photo shows the beginning of the Tenaya Creek waterslide at the outlet of Tenaya Lake. This hike is only a 4-mile round-trip from the highway.



On the last day of August 2017, we were at a bit over 10,000 feet on our way to Bennettville, just east of Tioga Pass. It was springtime there.

Fed by a prodigious snowpack, wildflowers abounded along the trail less than half a mile off the road. We counted several dozen varieties within a quarter-mile. This was spectacular.

Come and join us!



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Tuolumne Group Meetings

Executive committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Tuolumne Utility District boardroom from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Online event calendar:

<http://sierratuolumne.org/event-calendar/>

Adopt A Highway

Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup happens on the 2nd Tuesday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October, December). If you would like to volunteer, please call Jon Stutevant at 209-352-2431 for information. Rain cancels this event.

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