

The Arizona Mountaineer

April 2012



**Mike Knarzer on “Mission to Mars”
at the Planetarium in Sedona.
Photo by Nestor Garcia
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The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 North Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

The meeting time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Check Calendar for date.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting.

Dues: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$30.00 per year: \$35.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay \$15 or \$18. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. Dues must be sent to:

AMC Membership Committee
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85306

Schools: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Browse the AMC website for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

Website:

www.amcaz.org

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The AMC Land Advocacy Committee: The Committee works to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Land Advocacy representative Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

Newsletter: The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. The newsletter depends on contributions from its members so PLEASE send us your articles, gear reviews and/or photos.

Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format.

Advertising in the Arizona Mountaineer is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates. Personal ads are free to members. Business ads are \$5.00 for a business card, \$10.00 for half page, \$20.00 for full page, and \$25.00 for inserts.

Submit items for publication and direct any questions through email to Susan at SHarnage@aol.com. All submissions are subject to approval by the AMC newsletter committee: *Cheryl Beaver, Tracy Fleming, Susan Harnage, and Jutta Ulrich*

Outing Leaders

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the Basic, Anchors and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Nancy Birdwell at (602) 770-8326.

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Treasurer's Report

Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended February 2012

INCOME

Advertising	0.00
Dues	1,579.04
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	0.00
Mountaineering Schools	600.00
Rental Equipment	0.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	0.00
Basic Fall	0.00
Basic Spring	2,015.00
Lead Fall	0.00
Lead Spring	570.00
Training Other	0.00
Other	5.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,769.04

EXPENSES

Admin	392.20
Promotional	0.00
Bank chgs	120.80
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	0.00
Library	0.00
Newsletter	0.00
Outings	72.36
Outing Leaders	0.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	286.86
Training	4,664.93
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,537.15

OVERALL TOTAL (768.11)

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	12,061.12
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	27,061.12
AMC Outing Gear	3,467.43
OVERALL TOTAL	30,528.55

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Discount Directory

These merchants offer a discount to AMC members:

- **Arizona Hiking Shack** - 3244 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 944-7723 www.hikingshack.com. Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% discount.
- **AZ on the Rocks Gym** - 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. 480-502-9777. 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership.
- **TUFA Gear Shop** - Located at these gyms: AZ on the Rocks, PRG, Climbmax, & Ape Index. 10% discount.

May NL Submission Deadline: April 1st

April Birthdays

Mike Knarzer 8, Julie Sharp 9, Gretchen Hawkins 10, Cheryl Clarkin 12, Peter Niemczyk 12, David McClintic 17, Erik Filsinger 21, Braden Niemczyk 29

Welcome New Members

Sabitha Tata, Bharath Tata, Adidt Tata, Evans Reed, Craig Levra, Elizabeth Bates, Anna Tian, John Hinson, Steve Rangel, Amanda Crego, Alexis Crego, Kelly Hardee, Sai Buddi, Sean Zevely, Jennifer Spantak, Ann Marie Raymondi, Kevin Crestin, Anthony Cadorin, Cindy Yuen, Chara Price, Morgan Peterson, Michael Mendoza, Thomas Loeff, Michael Inzano, Rebeccah Hibbs, Loy Hibbs, Kieran Gallagher, Jill Daugherty

AMC Board Minutes - March 12, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 PM. Board members in attendance: Bill Fallon, John Gray, Curtis Stone, Cheryl Beaver, Douglas Matson, Eric Evans, Kim McClintic.
2. Items were added to the agenda: discussion of publicity position, etc.
3. Minutes of the February board meeting as published in the March newsletter were approved.
4. Treasurer's report from February, 2012 was reviewed and approved. The report will be published in the April newsletter.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Membership:** There are currently 185 members. The drop in number reflects removal of members who have yet to pay dues for 2012.
 - b. **Programs**
 - i. February Program: Machu Pichu– Chelsea Beechel and Rich Kocher. Thank you for an excellent program.
 - ii. March's Program will be given by Manny Rangel and will include a discussion of the climbing area Isolation Canyon. Books will be available for purchase.
 - iii. April and May programs are still in development.
 - iv. Recommendations for speakers and programs are always welcome. Contact Kim McClintic with ideas or suggestions.
 - c. **Outings/Activities:**
 - i. Upcoming:
 1. Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School–Mar. 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24.
 2. Upcoming AMC Birthday Climb and Gathering. March 31, 2012–will be held at Cactus Flower Wall at Pinnacle Peak. Erik Filsinger, Kim McClintic
 3. QC Cleanup & Climb. April 7– Leaders David McClintic and Tiina Perlman
 4. Anchors School– April 10, 12, 14, 15– Eric Evans
 5. Timezone Wall– April 21– Curtis Stone
 - i. Recent Past:
 1. Lead School–Feb. 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 – Mike Knarzer. 9 students completed.
 2. Beginning Ice Climbing– March 9–12 – Bruce McHenry.

a. Training and Schools:

- i. First Aid/CPR certification for outing leaders will be held Tuesday, April 3. John Gray is organizing. Members can sign up for additional slots. The cost of the class is \$40. Outing leaders fee is paid by the club.
- ii. ORC 20 signed up.

- b. **Newsletter Committee:** Submissions are due the 1st of each month and can be submitted to Jutta Ulrich, Tracy, Susan Harnage, or Cheryl Beaver. Contact David McClintic for advertising.

6. New Business:

- a. AMC email: Need Back up for Curtis Stone as the email distributor, Jeff Crosby has volunteered. Thanks, Jeff! (Change to A)
- b. T-Shirt Contest: Need to go forward with producing new T-shirts with the new designs approved.
- c. Membership Retention: Ideas are welcome. Discussed increasing enrollment in the Basic ORC, a primary entry point for AMC. Interesting meetings are beneficial, more outings.
- d. Interest was expressed in having Arno Ilgner– put on “Warrior Way” workshops for interested club members and doing a presentation for a monthly program. Bill Fallon will contact him regarding this.
- e. Interest was expressed in some advanced trainings for rescues and haul systems.

7. Old Business:

- a. Arno Ilgner – “Warrior Way” training, Member meeting presentation?
- b. J-Tree: Need to make reservations 6 months before hand.
- c. Membership renewal: Steven Crane was to distribute a letter drafted by Bill Fallon.
- d. John Gray will be coordinating the Grand Canyon Clean up. Need to reserve Shoshone Point and the group campsite and coordinate with the Park Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kim McClintic, secretary. Members you are welcome to attend board meetings. If you are interested in attending and need directions or information, contact me at canyonkim@gmail.com



AMC thanks Rockford Corporation for the use of their facilities for board meetings. Rockford is a local maker and distributor of high-end audio components for cars, trucks and boats.



AMC Member Meeting

Monday, April 23 2012

7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

TBD

Guests are welcome!

**Located at Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale**

For questions or information about this program, contact Kim at *canyonkim@gmail.com*

Please Join in the Bi-annual Queen Creek Clean-up & Climb Saturday, April 7th

For many years, AMC has maintained a small section of Route 60 near the Oak Flats campground and the amazing Queen Creek climbing area. Tiina and John Perlman will be heading up the clean-up activity and David McClintic is the climbing outing leader at the Pancake House.



For more details and to RSVP to this event go to AMC's Meetup group at: <http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>

For more information contact Dave McClintic at

david.mcclintic@cox.net or Tiina Perlman at finkati@yahoo.com



Queen Creek: Status Report

Status Report on Queen Creek and Land Exchange - Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011

AMC members should be aware that the future of rock climbing in the Queen Creek region is uncertain because of a proposed expansion of the current copper mine and a proposed land exchange. There is a huge copper deposit under the area climbers know as Oak Flat. In order to mine that deposit, Resolution Copper has proposed to purchase environmentally sensitive lands throughout Arizona and exchange them with the federal government for the “Oak Flat Parcel,” which basically includes the campground and bouldering close in to the campground at Oak Flat. AMC is providing this background and update to help climbers make an informed decision or opinion.

Several of the climbing areas such as Atlantis and the Pond are actually owned in totality by Resolution Copper, and the climbing areas close in to the current mining operations and shaft, e.g., the Mine Area, Magma Gardens, etc. are being mined pursuant to mining claims and mining operations permitted under current mining law. If you have been to the Mine area recently you will see an expansion of roads and drift rigs that are entirely legal under Resolution Copper’s mining plan of operations.

The threat to climbers of the Land Exchange is that those climbing areas owned by Resolution Copper or within its Mining Plan of Operations could be closed. Further access to other climbing areas that crosses land owned by or controlled by Resolution Copper, e.g., Upper and Lower Devils Canyon and any east side approach to Apache Leap, would likely be discontinued once the Mine becomes operational or earlier if Resolution can make the case that Mining Safety concerns overrides the public interest in climbing.

Historical Summary of Climber Efforts

The local Arizona climbing community became aware of the proposed Land Exchange Bill of 2004. At the time, elements of the climbing community came together under the label of the Friends of Queen Creek (FofQC) and had its original meeting at Arizona on the Rocks.

Working in conjunction with the FoQC, the Access Fund signed a License Agreement in which the Access Fund supported the Land Exchange Bill while also allowing certain climbing to continue for a limited number of years. Funding was included for a state climbing park in the area known as Tam O’Shanter. At that point in time Resolution Copper insisted on a well established climber’s group signing on behalf of climbers and the Access Fund was the only entity who stood up and agreed. Some of the FoQC members remained divided over language in the License Agreement because of the limited rights and a perceived lack of equity.

In October of 2006 the Land Exchange Bill sponsor Rick Renzi was investigated (and later indicted) for public-corruption, thus stalling the Land Exchange Bill throughout 2007. The elections of 2008 and control of Congress by the Democrats further stalled its progress.

In January of 2008 the Queen Creek Coalition was formed, with a deliberate attempt to reach out to a broad cross-section of the local climbing community.

From the outset of the QCC meetings, it was evident that the board members were of two minds - those whose primary interest was in saving Oak Flat and those who wanted to focus on maximizing the climbing. Nevertheless, they attempted to initiate new negotiations with Resolution Copper. Throughout 2008 several offers and counter offers of a proposed “deal” were traded back and forth between Resolution Copper and QCC.

On October 10, 2008 RCM presented QCC with a Counter proposal to the QCC’s latest Counter. Throughout the remainder of 2008 and throughout 2009 QCC failed to reach internal consensus on the best course of actions.

Queen Creek: Status Report (cont)

On April 6, 2010 QCC held its quarterly public meeting and discussed the last RCM response. A majority of the local climbing community in a straw poll “voted” for making a deal.

On May 19, 2010 and after over almost two years of trying to work within a framework of mutually exclusive goals and purposes (Save Oak Flat vs. Most Net Rock Climbing), QCC went through a decision matrix of assumptions and voted to solidify its efforts with the single goal of obtaining the Most Net Rock Climbing. The motion included language where if necessary to achieve that goal it might endorse the Land Exchange legislation. The majority voted to craft a new written Letter of Cooperation based on climbers’ terms and conditions and move forward along the chosen path.

While a majority vote supported the “Most Net Rock Climbing” goal, the internal vote of the QCC was not unanimous – reflecting the two mutually exclusive goals. Some members of the QCC resigned after the vote or were later removed due to internal turmoil.

In June of 2010 the Queen Creek Coalition, an Arizona Non-Profit Corporation was formed through a filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Later that year, the Concerned Climbers of Arizona was formed as a Limited Liability Company.

In the Spring of 2011 the License Agreement stalled and climbing at the Pond and Atlantis could have been shut down. QCC signed a temporary License Agreement and allowed rock climbing to continue.

During 2011 the U.S. House of Representatives held hearings on the Land Exchange and passed its version of the legislation which it then sent to the Senate.

Current Status

Both the Concerned Climbers of Arizona and the Queen Creek Coalition have continued to pursue their respective goals.

QCC has continued negotiations with Resolution Copper and reports some degree of progress.

CCA has aligned itself with various environmental and Native American groups to continue to oppose the Land Exchange.

A Senate Committee held hearings on the House version of the Land Exchange in February of 2012.

At this point in time, the most recent information on those separate efforts can be found on their respective web sites:

The AMC’s policy statement and historical documents can be found here: <http://www.amcaz.org/access.asp>

The Access Fund’s web site is: www.accessfund.org

For information on Queen Creek Coalition and its goals, please visit: www.theqcc.org

For information on the Concerned Climbers of Arizona please visit: www.concernedclimbers.com

For information on Resolution Copper: <http://www.resolutioncopper.com/>

The text of the specific bill in Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1904>

~Bruce McHenry

Planetarium, Sedona



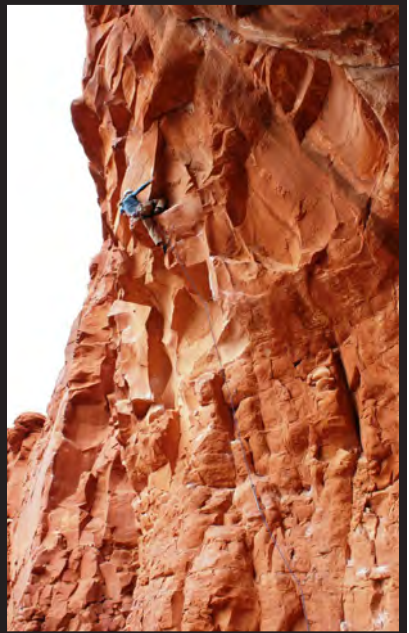
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#1 Mike on "Mission to Mars", 5.12d, at the Planetarium in Sedona

#2 Working on the first crux, after swinging the body to the right and doing the leg hook

#5 A knee bar rest on the next crux



Planetarium, Sedona (cont)



#7 The right foot is pushing off a nubbin, while the left hand mantles, and left foot dangles. The right hand is on a great jug though. #8 Starting into the upper (RP) crux. #9 Swinging the body for a right leg hook. Climber Mike Knarzer. "I fell at the last move on the 2nd crux. However, I can't wait to get back up there; next time I'm sending it for sure! Mike reports that since then he has gone back and "sent" it. Photos by Nestor Garcia.



Avalanche! – Second Gully

Saturday March 10, 2012 dawned beautifully in Ouray, Colorado. While Bruce McHenry took his folks to the Ice Park, I felt like stretching my legs in the backcountry. I loaded my truck and headed to Eureka, the ghost town east of Silverton. Many fine and long backcountry ice climbs inhabit the steep valleys in the area and over the years I've spent many days playing on them.

Besides hiking up the valley toward First and Second Gully ice climbs, I brought along my tools and crampons in case the mood struck me to play around a bit. Second Gully was fabulous and fat. Unable to contain myself I started bouldering around on the first pitch. I did some laps up and down on ground that I felt okay with but probably getting 30 or more feet off the deck. It's a fairly easy climb that I've lead maybe a dozen times. Avalanche forecasts were only Moderate (yellow on the Avalanche Rose) so I felt okay, but the weather was super hot so I was being a little cautious.

I pulled back off the ice about 11:00 a.m. and sat basically where we usually leave our packs for the climb. I know that actually I double-checked my position to make sure I was where I thought I would be safe if something happened.

Within a few minutes I thought I heard an airplane flying up the valley. It kept getting closer and closer. Then I realized that Second Gully was avalanching! Big billows of snow flew over



*Above: Before
Below: During*



Avalanche! – Second Gully (cont)

the cliff above me. I was about 15 feet away from a roaring avalanche! I quickly tried to grab my camera and starting shooting randomly. I took a few photos of the avalanche running. I was covered with snow dust and my heart was leaping.

The debris zone was about 50 meters long, 20 meters wide and about 3 feet deep. The power of the avalanche was truly amazing, especially with front row seating.

When I got back to Ouray I sent an email describing what I saw to the CO Avalanche Information Center and they changed the rating the next day from Moderate to Considerable.

Here are a few of the photos I took. Before, during and then after! And tracks leading from my ring side seating...

On the hike back to the truck at Eureka I passed some 9 cubic feet boulders that had come off Outward Bound Wall since I had hiked up, obviously loosened by the warm weather and morning sun.

Amazing....

~Erik Filsinger



*Above: After
Below: Ring side seating*



Congratulations Lead Class Students!

Students

Elizabeth Bates, Sai Buddi, Thad Colgrove, Larry Goodwin, Vinay Hanumaiah,
Kelly Hardee, Jason Krug, Evans Reed, Anna Tian

Instructors

Mike Knarzer

Chelsea Beechel, Nancy Birdwell, Catherine Conner, Bill Fallon , Joe Garcia,
Nestor Garcia, Robert Kessenich, Michael Kreitz, David Sampson,
Curtis Stone, Mark Tallan, Daniel Warren, Chris Womack

Timezone Wall

April 21st

Curtis Stone will be outing leader for Timezone Wall in Prescott. This is an outing for new graduates of the ORC class. Please sign-up on meetup: [http://www.meetup.com/](http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/)

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Curtis can be contacted at curtis_j_stone@yahoo.com

First Aid/CPR Certification

The AMC will be sponsoring a CPR/First Aid class for certification by the American Heart Association.

The class for AMC outing leaders and interested members is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd from 6:30-9:30 pm at 5900 N 83rd St. (Clubhouse) Scottsdale, AZ 85250.

The class will be taught by Doug and Leann Martineau. The class is limited to 30 people with Outing Leaders given priority and fees paid. For other members the cost is \$40 to be paid at the time of the class (Cash preferred). If you know someone in the club who would like to take the class, please encourage them to contact John Gray at jdcinza13@yahoo.com to sign up.

This will be first come, first served, with outing leaders given priority, then those that respond first. Once we reach the class limit of 30, members will be placed on a waiting list in case someone cancels.

Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

APRIL 2012

- 3 First Aid for Outing Leaders
- 4 Anchors Instructor Meeting
- 7 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 10 Anchors Apr 10, 12, 14, 15
- 21 Timezone Wall for ORC grads
- 23 AMC Member Meeting

MAY 2012

- 7 AMC Board Meeting – reminder: Tax filing and Annual Report to ACC due
- 21 AMC Member Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day Weekend - Alpine Climb 26-28
- 28 Memorial Day (Monday)

JUNE 2012

- 11 AMC Board Meeting
- 25 AMC Member Meeting - Swap Meet

JULY 2012

- 4 Independence Day (Wednesday)
- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 23 (no member meeting)

AUGUST 2012

- 13 AMC Board Meeting
- 27 AMC Member Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 3 Labor Day (Monday)
- 10 AMC Board Meeting
- 12 Lead School Sep 11, 12, 13, 15, 16
- 24 AMC Member Meeting
- 29 Grand Canyon Clean up

OCTOBER 2012

- 3 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 8 Columbus Day AMC Board Meeting – Reminder: D&O Insurance Policy due
- 9 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Oct 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20
- 22 AMC Member Meeting
- 27 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb

NOVEMBER 2012

- 7 Anchors School Instructor Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day (Sunday)
- 12 AMC Board Meeting
- 13 Anchors School Nov 13, 15, 17, 18
- 22 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree
- 26 AMC Member Meeting –Activities Expo

DECEMBER 2012

- 3 AMC Board Meeting – Reminder: General Liability Insurance due
- 8 Alpine Rock Seminar
- 14 Holiday Party
- 25 Christmas (Tuesday)

Billboard- Other Scheduled Events

Footnotes: Car-pooling is optional on all outings and is not part of the outing. The outing begins at the trailhead designated by the Outing Leader and ends at the same place. Each participant should bring a First Aid kit. If you leave the outing, with or without the leader's permission, you are considered to be on your own until you rejoin the group. Each participant will be required to sign an AMC Activity Release Form at the beginning of the outing. Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The Outing Leader is not responsible for your safety; you are. Please contact the Outing Leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the Outing Leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the Outing Leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.

Billboard- Other Scheduled Events (cont)

Billboard—Other Scheduled Events

Outings listed in this section are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader.

AMC is also on meetup. For official and unofficial outings go to: <http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>

Tuesdays **North Mountain hikes after work.** Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465

Wednesdays **Ape Index Gym Climbing** - Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465

Thursdays **Phoenix Rock Gym Climbing** - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.
Curtis Stone - Kim McClintic

May 5 **Salome-** Short (5 mile) canyoneering trip. Hot hike, icy swims, slippery footing, bouldering & one rappel. Contact Rogil@cox.net or 623-512-8465

Help Wanted

Opening for someone to create and mail membership cards.

Usually a once a month job. AMC refunds all your expenses. You need to know how to use Excel or Word. Please contact **Rogil@cox.net** for more details if you think you might be interested.

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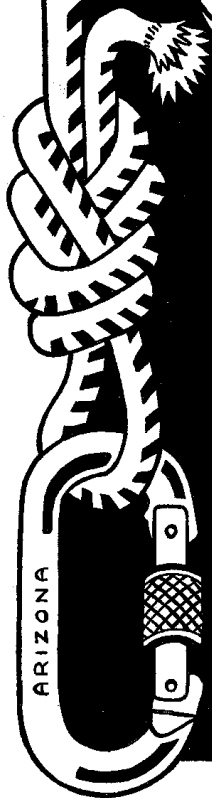
Ape Index - Phoenix Rock Gym



Email: tufagearshop@gmail.com

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Intermediate Canyoneering April 20th thru 22nd

Hiking Shack Event



An Intermediate Canyoneering Course is being held **April 20th -22nd**

Location & Time: Friday Night 6:00pm at the **Arizona Hiking Shack**, Saturday and Sunday at 8:00am at South Mountain Park.

Course Description:

- On-Rope Skills
- Anchor skills
- Self-Rescue techniques
- Hauling and Lowering
- Knot-craft
- Canyon-specific equipment.

We teach the American Canyoneering Association curriculum. This class proves useful for beginner to intermediate canyoneers. Current rappelling skills or our intro to rappelling class is a pre-requisite. Groups are encouraged. Please feel free to call us with any other questions you may have. (602)944-7723

Cost & Cancellation Policy: The class will be \$250.00 and is approx. 22hrs. Payment is required to register. Seven day cancellation policy in effect. Within seven days of class your fee will be applied to another class with a 15% rescheduling fee.

Contact the [Arizona Hiking Shack](#) for Registration and details.

AMC Anchors School: Spring 2012

The AMC Climbing Anchors School teaches participants how to set climbing anchors for top-roping. This course is the logical next step for AMC Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School graduates.

Class curriculum:

Tuesday: Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.

Thursday: Learn anchor system characteristics and construction.

Saturday: Gain experience setting anchors by practicing “hands-on” scenarios under instructor supervision.

Sunday: Apply newly learned skills setting real anchors on an optional climbing day. This session is a climbing outing where students set the anchors under instructor supervision and then spend the day climbing.

Class schedule:

Apr. 10	Tuesday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	* Scottsdale Cactus Park
Apr. 12	Thursday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	Scottsdale Cactus Park
Apr. 14	Saturday	8:00 am–4:00 pm	Sullivan’s Canyon, Chino Valley
Apr. 15	Sunday	7:00 am–5:00 pm	Promised Land, Chino Valley (Weather permitting)

* **Cactus Park is located on the northeast corner of Cactus Rd. and Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale.**

Experience required: AMC Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School graduate or equivalent, which must include knowledge of how to belay, rappel, prusik, tie a figure-8-on-a-bight and figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and make a girth hitch.

Cost: \$95 plus membership if not already a member (\$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2012. Register by the Paypal link on the website (<http://www.amcaz.org/anchorsRegistration.asp>) or if you need to send a check you can contact Nancy Birdwell amcanchorsschool@gmail.com for the address. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Contact Nancy Birdwell by email: **Anchors.School@amcaz.org** for more info. The number of students will be limited to 36.

Equipment required for the class:

- 2 non-locking “D” or oval carabiners (at least 2, bring more if you have them)
- 3 locking carabiners (at least 3, one of which should be a parabiner)
- 1 rappel/belay device (Trango Jaws, Black Diamond ATC, Trango Pyramid, Figure-8, etc.)
- 1 climbing harness
- 1 ea 4’, 6’, 10’ 6mm prusiks (untied length)
- 2 ea 5’, 10’, 20’ slings (1” tubular webbing, untied length, AKA runners)
- 1 or 2 personal anchor slings (commercial daisy chains or 4’ sewn Spectra runners or equivalent)
- 1 helmet—**required for Saturday and Sunday sessions**, helmets are available if you do not have one.

(The slings and harness are the only additional equipment needed over the Basic School requirements)

This class is designed to teach you how to set top-rope anchors. In order to become independent and set your own anchors, you should start acquiring anchor gear. These purchases will be limited by how much money you want/have to spend and how much interest you have in climbing independently. The following gear is not required for Anchors School, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for Lead School, and none of it will be wasted if you intend to set your own anchors. All gear should be marked prior to bringing it to class to prevent confusion between it and other people’s gear. If you don’t know how to mark gear, check with an instructor before doing so to avoid weakening equipment due to improper marking.

Other gear you may want to bring:

- Any pro you may have (hexes, nuts, camming devices, Tri-cams, etc.)
- Extra biners (regular D’s, ovals, and lockers—stay away from specialty biners at this time)
- Extra slings (perhaps four 5’, two 15’ slings, untied lengths)

For more information: Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at www.amcaz.org.