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Enjoying the view from Mt. Russell

Dear Howie,

How is your summer going? Ours is going great overall! August has proved to be a very popular month for Whitney, the Palisades, and learning to climb and camp in the snow (yes, we still have some!). Most of our guides have been working back to back trips and even our office manager is getting out there doing what she loves the most: guiding! (not that she doesn't love the office too...). Right now we are ramping up for a couple of big trips: we have an AMGA Rock Instructor Course which only has a couple of sign ups left, another Incredible Hulk trip or two, and we are getting people psyched for Red Rocks this Fall. (October 21-30- see below). I have even had a surprising amount of people asking about ice and snow trips. The community pool closes this week and the weather is starting to cool down. I know it is important to live in the moment, but I can't help but always be excited about what the next season has to offer us in terms of outdoor recreation.

~The random ramblings of your office manager, Annie

people out there.

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Hacker Alert!

Where was SMG?

The big News of August was that our website was offline for almost 3 days due to a breach of security. We sent you a newsletter letting you know what was going on and we just wanted to say thanks to all the kind folks who responded with their sympathies, advice and offers to help. It is really great to know that you are looking out for us and we really appreciate all your support and understanding. Hopefully that problem is totally fixed, and it is a great reminder to us to watch our back in cyberspace!!



What you climb in Vegas, stays in Vegas



Red Rock Baby

Speaking of being excited for what the next season has to offer, lets talk about Red Rock. Located just outside of Las Vegas, Nevada, Red Rock offers some of the best sandstone climbing anywhere. This is our favorite shoulder season climbing venue, hands down! You may have climbed in Yosemite and found your feet slipping around the polished granite, or maybe you have climbed at Joshua Tree and found yourself wishing for the incut hand holds of Lovers Leap instead of those dang sharp crystals. But then you went to Lovers Leap and wished for more colorful rock and a better nightlife scene. Well, we think you should climb with us in Red Rocks. As easy or difficult as you want, grippy sandstone for your feet, and huge, varnished, plate-like features for your hands make Red Rock an adventure climber's dream. Add in the deluxe group campground (or the hotels if you prefer), the access to the strip, and the super cool desert flora and fauna, and there really is not much to complain about. Unless of course you fall on a cactus (ouch!).



The Art of Climbing Safely

Why it is important to learn from the pro's:

I started climbing when I was about 14. My best friends family owned the local rock gym so I got to climb for free whenever I wanted and we would hang out in the gym after hours and swing on the ropes and talk about climbing. Early on I took a climbing and self rescue class with Eddie "EC" Joe, and use skills to this day that I specifically learned on that course. Later I took an AMGA top rope site manager course and will be taking the Rock Instructor Course that is coming up in October. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to take these

courses early on and be surrounded by people who were legitimate climbers. Nowadays climbing is growing tremendously and rock gyms are shooting up like weeds and you never know who exactly is teaching you to climb. Our guides are all trained or certified by the AMGA and have a wealth of climbing experience. Instead of going out with that stranger from the gym, learn to set anchors with us, and know that you are in safe hands: your own. Here are some fun clinics we are offering this late summer/ fall.



[Protection and Anchors](#)

[Crack Climbing 101](#)

[Self Rescue for Climbers](#)

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[Big Wall Seminar](#)

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All of us at
Sierra Mountain Guides



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