

About the U. C. HIKING CLUB.....

The University of California Hiking Club was organized in 1948 "to promote, engage in, and enjoy hiking, mountaineering, skiing, and such related outdoor and social activities as shall be decided upon by the membership of the club." And we do just that, by golly.

The activities scheduled for this semester include the following:

HIKING:

Day hikes--These are short, bring your lunch hikes, usually 5-10 miles or so. We visit nearby mountains, valleys, and oceans, etc.

Weekend trips--Here's a chance to get away from it all. On these overnight hikes a variety of activities are offered--hiking, climbing, or swimming. Excellent cuisine prepared by qualified chefs, namely you, awaits you. (However, squab under glass has been ruled out because the glass is heavy and bulky for knapsacks). These trips prove Heaven for shutterbugs and yodelers.

Week or so trips--These have a flavor never attained on shorter trips. They provide a chance to get away for a little longer, and enjoy spontaneously planned hiking, climbing, and folk singing. You can crawl into your sleeping bag with nothing to worry about except the fun you will have tomorrow.

High trip--This two week backpacking trip to the Sierras is normally held just before the opening of school in the fall. Wonderful!

MOUNTAINEERING: The mountaineering activities are organized and supervised by the members of the Mountaineering Section, a formally organized branch of the U.C.H.C. These activities include:

Practice climbs--These climbs are scheduled because rock-climbing requires some instruction and practice in the arts of rope handling, knot-tying, and general safety procedures. We are fortunate in having suitable rocks near campus and around the bay area. All U.C.H.C. members should come to at least one practice climb. You will be surprised at how much fun it is too.

For-real climbs--For the experienced climber only, these trips provide a chance to put into practice those skills learned on the practice climbs. These trips also have an atmosphere all their own. Yosemite is a favorite spot, but there are many others as good or better.

FOLK DANCING: This is loads of fun for beginners or "old hands". The dances are of many countries and range from the exuberant to the more graceful. The dances

will be taught and "tenderfoot" will be encouraged to try their hand (or rather, their foot). This is a marvelous way to expend your energy. It may interest you to know that flagrant flirting is shamelessly practiced in many folk dances. Meet at Senior Men's Hall on alternate Friday nights as scheduled.

SPELUNKING:

Spelunking is cave exploring. It is similar to rock climbing in that qualified leaders and safety procedures are necessary. Spelunking has a fascination all its own, and beginners are welcome on the Feb. 17 scheduled trip. After that time, beginners should consult the trip leader before planning to attend.

FOLK SINGING:

Folk singing has not been formally scheduled but will be informally scheduled if there is enough interest.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

General meetings are scheduled to provide opportunity for programs of interest to club members, and to provide every member with a chance to take an active part in the government of the club.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

The club occasionally partakes of ski touring, bike trips, canoe trips, and other activities.

For any additional information about the University of California Hiking Club or any of its activities, inquire at Room C, Eshelman Hall (Phone AS 3-4800, Ext. 32) or contact any of the club's officers or trip leaders. Sign-up sheets with details about the trips will be posted in the club's office.