

# The 1968 High Trip

## (The 63<sup>rd</sup> High Trip)

The Sierra High Trip is the traditional club outing, offered first by the club in 1901 as a three- or four-week outing. It has since become a two-week trip, but we still rove through the same splendid high country with unexcelled views at every turn. The mules carry our duffel, food, and commissary equipment while we move at our own pace from one camp to the next, carrying only lunch and a poncho, camera or fishing rod. There's no need to hurry, just be sure to arrive in time for dinner. In camp, you arrange your bed site and, after dinner, joint the conversation and song around the campfire. On layover days, activities may include rock climbing, cross-country hikes, nature walks, fishing, or just lying on a rock watching a stream rush by.

The Family High Trip is basically the same as the regular High Trip; the primary difference is the shorter moves between camps. We hope you will interpret family rather broadly – we welcome grandparents, who want to bring their grandchildren, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews. It is most important that all applicants have some camping experience.

This is camping in style. A skilled commissary crew sets up camp, cooks meals, packs and cleans up on moving days, with occasional help from interested volunteers. This year's chief cook on both High Trips will be famed Al Caldwell. The staff also includes a doctor.



### Family High Trip, Virginia Canyon, Northern Yosemite – July 13 - 26

Leader – Phil Berry

Northern Yosemite country is a lightly traveled, wild country of clear small lakes, flower-garden meadows, streams with quiet pools, and typical Yosemite domes. On layover days we plan hikes, climbs, and nature study for children, allowing parents to get away at times for hikes and climbs of their own. On past Family High Trips, youngsters have found working with the commissary to be a most exciting activity.

### High Trip, Kings Canyon National Park – Dusy Basin, Evolution Valley – July 28 - August 10

Leader – Ted Grubb



From our road head at North Lake (9,200 feet), we climb over Piute Pass (11,400) and into the granite desolation of upper Piute Creek. Camp will be set up several miles farther on in Hutchinson Meadow. Our next layover will be at Evolution Meadow, and from there we move on to Darwin Bench, one of the most spectacular campsites in the Sierra. There is much exploring to be done during our layover at Darwin Bench, and for the climbers, this area offers the challenge of Mounts Darwin, Spencer, Huxley and the other Evolution peaks. From here, we hike over Muir Pass (11,955) to a camp in the upper reaches of Le Conte Canyon, then down the canyon, along the Middle Fork of the Kings River, and up

into Dusy Basin. Our camp in Dusy Basin is within climbing distance of North palisade, Mount Winchell and Mount Agassiz. Our last move takes us out over Bishop Pass (12,000) to South Lake.

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