

MOUNTAIN REPORT

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A series of adventure with the ESIA

By Molly Trauscht

To the adrenaline seekers, wildlife guardians, curious wanderers, and nature enthusiasts, this broad region of the Eastern Sierra is special. Whether you're scaling the slabby Buttermilk boulders or carving turns down the prominent Bloody Couloir, adventure lies around every corner. In this impressive and unique region, where California's high-

est mountains border the country's deepest valley, both visitors and locals are provided with perpetual discovery.

Our adventures take us through a collection of diverse ecosystems, including the Owens Valley's extensive, flourishing sagebrush habitat. It's here that vulnerable umbrella species like the bi-state sage-grouse, whose presence is vital to the health and success of the ecosystem, make

their home.

Embrace the adventure and join us in celebrating the magic of the Eastern Sierra! The Winter Adventure Series seeks to educate, motivate, and inspire attendees to explore the Eastern Sierra through presentations and films by professional athletes, photographers, filmmakers, scientists, and outdoor enthusiasts. The series is hosted by the

Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) with support from the town of Mammoth and Mammoth Lakes Recreation, and funding from Measure U. Measure U is a general tax and the revenue it produces goes in the town's general fund.

This year the series focuses on professional athletes, photographers, and cinematographers aimed at inspiring the public to explore and protect the outdoors. One of which is Noppadol Paothong, an award-winning nature/conservationist photographer whose work is pertinent to this area because the Owens Valley is home to the bi-state sage-grouse, a genetically distinct and geographically isolated population of greater sage-grouse (which is currently a proposed threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.) Noppadol has produced two books: "Save the Last Dance" and "Sage Grouse, Icon of the West." On Feb. 6, he will share what nearly two decades of research has taught him about this majestic bird's life, history and habitat under threat in the American West.

The series also features local professional climbers, Kate Rutherford and Katie Lambert, on Jan. 16 and Jan. 23, respectively. Learn how Kate bridges

the adventure of finding local food sources to nourish and sustain her free climbing adventures from Yosemite to Patagonia. Hear Katie's tale of how rock climbing has been the foundation for her life from the bayous of Louisiana to the granite of the Sierra, and how she came to call Bishop home.

Join cinematographers Ken Etzel and Chelsea Jolly on Jan. 30 where they capture the advent, the agony and the art of the redpoint: a style of free-climbing. Their film highlights Alex Megos, who has followed in the footsteps of the great rock climber Wolfgang Güllich to redefine the boundaries of the form.

On Feb. 13, professional skier and mountaineer Johnny Collinson will take us on a cinematic trip to La Grave, France, with no ropes, no pistes and no one telling you where you can and can't go. Growing up in the mountains of Snowbird, Utah, Collinson didn't waste any time getting to the top of mountains. At age 17, he became the youngest person in the world to climb the Seven Summits, the highest peak on all seven continents.

Finally, on Feb. 20, award-winning photographer, cinematographer and photojournalist, Ryan Salm presents his documentation of the Kumbh Mela. The largest

gathering of humans ever recorded, this pilgrimage takes us 140 miles down one of the most admired - and potentially most contaminated - rivers on the planet: the Ganges River. The journey culminates at the holy city of Varanasi, where purity survives amongst the pollution.

The Winter Adventure Series begins Jan. 16, 2020 with a program every Thursday for six consecutive weeks. The programs are held at the U.S. Forest Service Auditorium in the Mammoth District Ranger Station and the tickets and pre-show event take place in the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the programs begin at 7 p.m. The \$15 entry fee includes a chance to win door prizes provided by our local sponsors. To see the full schedule and purchase your tickets, visit www.sierraforever.org/winter-adventure-series/.

(Molly Trauscht is the operations manager for the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association. As one of the oldest nonprofits in the region, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association was established in 1970 by citizens interested in helping the U.S. Forest Service provide interpretive education relevant to the unique surrounding landscape.)



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No one had the correct answer to last week's View, which was Taboose Pass. If you think you know this week's View, give the editor a call at (760) 873-3535 or drop him a line at editor@inyoregister.com with your guess. First correct respondent is the winner, and will receive two (2) free 25-word classified ads. It also comes with the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to sustain a much-loved feature of your local community newspaper.

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2019 Babies On Parade CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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