Beginning and Intermediate Rock Climbing (Fall 04)

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Time: Thursday 3-7 pm. We will meet in front of the gym at 3:00 and car pool to the climbing area. We leave by 3:05 so if you need a ride please arrive on time. Students are encouraged to get the climbing location from the instructor and come out later if you cannot leave at 3:00. Please note that return time is not exact, if people are having fun we may stay later and if weather becomes a factor we may be forced to return early.

Weekend Trips: If there is sufficient interest, we will offer at least one full day trip (or two day trip) to a more distant location. This is optional and will be based on student input.

Safety: Unsafe climbing practices and technique can result in death or serious injury. Students are required to abide by all of the safety rules taught by the instructors. Consistent failure to comply will result in removal from the class. The goal of this class is to have fun in a safe manner.

We are in the process of acquiring helmets for the class. It is highly recommended that belayers and climbers (especially lead climbers) wear helmets. In certain areas where rock fall is a serious threat we will require you to wear a helmet.

Health: Climbing is a strenuous activity. If you have any health conditions (asthma, diabetes, etc.) which may require special attention please let the instructors know at the beginning of the class.

What to Bring: Water, tough clothing, sun protection, snack, foot wear suitable for rough trails. Later in the semester warm clothing will probably also be required. If you have one, a flashlight might also be useful.

Grading Policy: The purpose of this class is to have fun but we are required to assign a S/U (Pass/Fail) grade. In order to receive a passing grade you must attend at least half of the classes.

Guest Policy: Guests are welcome to meet with us at the climbing site. They can use class equipment with the understanding that enrolled students enjoy priority. Guests are NOT allowed to ride in an NMT vehicle to attend an outing. Guests will NOT receive instruction. It should be noted that guests are NOT covered under the NMT insurance policy.

Other Information: Climbing Club Website: www.nmt.edu/~climbing
New Mexico Mountain Club:
http://www.swcp.com/~nmmc/climbrocks/

Books: Please note that you ARE NOT REQUIRED to buy this book. This is just a recommendation for further reference material if you are interested. Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills by Don Graydon (Editor), Kurt Hanson (Editor), Mountaineers Society.