

July 2011



Dear Members,

There are three events we would like to invite you to:

Mission Peak Full Moon Hike

Sunday, August 14

Fremont, 6:30 pm

What:

We will go up to the top of Mission Peak to watch the sunset (8:02 pm) and the moon rise (8:17 pm). We will meet at the 'Stanford Ave' parking lot at 6:20 pm. The hike will start at 6:30 pm sharp. Please be on time. If you are late, please let us know by calling my cell phone at (925) 699-8945. This hike requires a reasonable level of fitness. It is only 3 miles long (one way), but it goes up 2100'. It is mostly a fire road, except at the end where there are a lot of rocks. It will take about 1h15 to 1h30 min go to the top. From the peak, we will watch the sunset and the moon rise. This event is not for strollers or kids of very young age.

After the hike, we will go to BJ's in Newark for a drink and a light snack or even dinner for those who are really hungry.

What to bring:

- Sturdy hiking / walking shoes • a flash light or head light
- Water (min 1 liter)
- Hiking poles (optional)
- Layered clothing: To be determined when we get closer to the hike. The peak is very exposed to the wind, so it can be very chilly at the summit. It could also be very hot the whole way to the top.
- There are toilets and drinking water at the trailhead, but not at the top. There is no entrance fee.

Where:

East end of Stanford Avenue Fremont, CA

There is a small parking lot, but it tends to be full. There is residential parking on Stanford Ave. and in Vineyard Ave, just down the street. Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early because it is very unlikely that you will be able to park at the parking lot at the end of Stanford Ave on a 'quasi' full moon day.

After the hike:

Bj's

5699 Mowry Ave. Newark, CA 94560

Directions:

To the trailhead:

From San Jose:

Take 880 north

Take exit #12A/MISSION BLVD/SACRAMENTO onto MISSION BLVD(CA-262 E) - go 2.1 miles Turn right on Stanford avenue

From Oakland: Take 880 South

Take exit #12/WARREN AVE/MISSION BLVD onto MISSION BLVD(CA-262 E) toward I-680 - go 2.0 mi Turn right on Stanford avenue

Stanford Ave. ends at the Mission Peak entrance

To BJ's:

Back to Mission Blvd

Left on Mission Blvd.

Take 880 North

Exit at Mowry Ave and go West. BJ's is on the right side just after crossing the freeway.

To sign up:

Email Sophie Chantrenne at sophie@bcnc.com by August 14 at 12:00 pm. For more information, call Sophie at (925) 699-8945.

Visit of the Computer History Museum

Sunday, August 28
Mountain View, 11 am

What:

According to its website (<http://www.computerhistory.org>), "*The Computer History Museum is the world's leading institution exploring the history of computing and its ongoing impact on society. It is home to the largest international collection of computing artifacts in the world, encompassing computer hardware, software, documentation, ephemera, photographs and moving images. The Museum brings computer history to life through an acclaimed speaker series, dynamic website, on-site tours, as well as physical and online exhibitions.*"

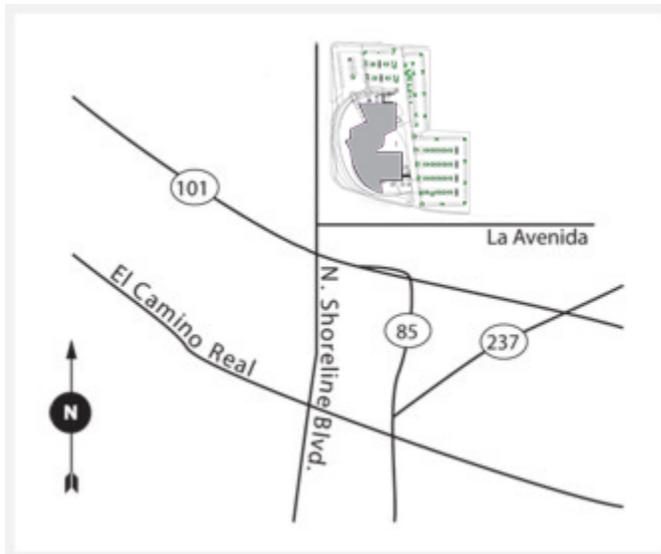
We'll get a guided tour, starting at 11 am sharp at the entrance of the museum. The tour will last about one hour. After that we can spend another hour or so to peruse the museum at our own leisure. There is a \$15 fee for admission. This event is not recommended for children under 10. Space is limited to 20 people.

Optionally, we can have lunch together on Castro Street in Mountain View.

Where:

Computer History Museum (in the old Silicon Graphics headquarters)
1401 N Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View
(650) 810 1010

Directions:





From 101 North or South: take the Shoreline Blvd exit and go north. The museum is the large building on the right, as soon as you get off the highway. Pass the building and then drive into the large parking lot, north of the entrance.

Sign-up:

Email dirk@bcnc.com by August 24th if you want to participate. Please indicate if you're interested in lunch too. Call Dirk at (408) 910 7541 for more info if needed.

Yosemite Camping and Hiking Trip

Friday-Monday September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend)

This year we are heading on Labor Day Weekend for Yosemite National Park located in the Western Sierras: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/>

Yosemite National Park, one of the first wilderness parks in the United States, is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more. All ages are welcome! Generally people arrive Friday late afternoon/evening.

Campground: We reserved 4 tent sites at Hodgdon Meadows, right after the Big Oak Flat entrance, for Friday 9/2, Saturday 9/3 and Sunday 9/4 night. Space is limited to 24 people. Only 8 cars can park at the tent sites. For more info about the accommodations, please browse to <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hodgdoncamp.htm>

Directions: Big Oak Flat Rd, Yosemite. From the Bay Area, it is about 170 mi or 3h30 without traffic jams.

Hikes: Bring your hiking boots. Based on participants' interest we will decide on-site which trails to hike.

Food: Participants host all meals. Traditionally the quality has beaten all standards of gourmet outdoor cooking! Arrangements about who brings what will be made through e-mail the week before departure. Hikers bring their own trail snacks & drinks.

Cost: \$15/adult for the camp sites (children are free). Food expenses will be divided among the participants. The \$20 vehicle fee (to be paid at the entrance and valid for 7 days) is at the driver's expense.

RSVP by August 15 by sending an e-mail to philippe@bcnc.com with the following information:

- Name of people attending (optional: age of children)
- Cell phone number
- Would like to car-pool or are looking for a ride

Reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis, with priority given to members. After you receive e-mail confirmation that space is still available, sending a check covering the camp site expenses.

Thank You:

- We would like to thank Professor Crombez for the very interesting lecture on Belgian politics.
- We would also like to thank Belgica and especially Stéphanie Dupont for the excellent organization of the room and food for that lecture at Stanford.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, October 1st: 'Oysters on the Beach', Point Reyes at Limantour Beach.

The board.