

Model Climbing Resume

There are many fine ways to write a climbing resume. This is just one of them. But it contains several features that the Leadership Training Committee recommends:

- It's concise. Take away this box, and the resume fits neatly on one page.
- All the bureaucratic stuff (name and contact information, Sierra Club number, leader rating, date of resume, relevant check-offs and first aid) is on top. Don't make readers search for this basic information.
- Key items are dated. So we can tell at a glance when your membership expires, when you last took first aid, when you got your check-offs and, especially, when you took each trip. If you don't have exact dates, list the month and year.
- The check-off levels (M or E) also are noted. Since this candidate already has completed the "I" rating, he doesn't have to list his navigation check-off; if he were going straight for his "M," without first completing the "I", we'd want to see the date and level (M or E) of his navigation check-off.
- The listed trips all have occurred in the last five years (as of this writing). The primary purpose of the climbing resume is to give us a good idea of your relevant (class 3 and above) experience in the past five years. After you've listed 3rd and 4th class trips, list some notable but non-technical trips.
- The resume notes trips led or assisted. This helps readers understand how experienced you are.
- The trips are listed in reverse chronological order, most recent first.
- Each trip listing clearly shows the date, the destination, the route (including class), whether private or Sierra Club and, if a club trip, the name of the leader. Yes, we do occasionally ask leaders how a candidate did on their trip. If you're unsure how your route is rated, consult a guidebook.
- The trips are clearly organized. Some resume-writers organize them by type (rock or snow), as this resume does. Others organize them geographically. Either way is fine.
- Practices and climbs are listed. Whether a recent rock climb is class 4 or class 5.6 is not particularly important as related to Sierra Club climbing; it tells us you'd probably be comfortable leading 3rd class.
- Conditioning is described. No need for a date here. If you have to give dates for your conditioning regimen, then it isn't routine. We're looking for what you do week in, week out to keep in shape.
- You should update your resume every two years.

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Sierra Club #00001 (life member)
Angeles Leader Rating: 0 (1999)
Angeles Leader Rating: I (2004)
Rock Check-off (E): 5/6/2006
Snow Check-off (M): 1/13/2007

Recent Wilderness First Aid 6/15/2007
Recent CPR: 7/1/2007
Recent Standard First Aid: 6/25/2005
WTC: 2004
Resume date: 6/17/2008

Relevant Experience

* indicates trip led or assisted

Date	3rd class and Higher Peaks and Rock Climbs
7/28/2007	*Mount Whitney via Mountaineer's Route (solo)
4/18/2006	Mt. Clark, cl3 south ridge, DPS, led by Jules Eichorn
8/15/2005	Middle Palisade, cl3 northeast face, led by Norman Clyde
3/15/2005	Moosedog Tower, 5.8 and 5.9 routes, Indian Cove, private

Date	Snow and Mixed Climbs
5/4/2008	Diamond Pk, SE slope, led by Pete Starr
7/4/2007	* My. Lyell via Lyell Glacier and cl3 rock (private)
5/30/2005	Mt. Shasta via cl3 Avalanche Gulch (solo)

Date	Other Peaks
4/15/2008	*Mt. Diablo by trail, SF Bay Chapter, led by Francis Farquhar
2/28/2008	* Mt. San Geronio, HPS, led by Sam Fink
1/25/2008	* Mt. Wilson, Chantry Flats Trail, WTC, led by Frank Goodykoontz
11/24-25/2007	Rabbit & Villager Peaks, DPS, led by Barbara Lilley

Date	Rock & Snow Practice
12/5/2006	Baldy Bowl ice ax practice, LTC/SPS, led by Nile Sorenson
4/15/2005	Tahquitz rock practice, LTC/SPS, led by Virgil Shields

Conditioning: Climb pine trees during thunderstorms 2-3 times/week