Aloha!

Caltech Surf & Windsurf Club is organizing beginner surf lessons on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at Mondo’s surf break just north of Ventura. You can thank Ian Fenty for volunteering to help with the logistics for this trip. I am in Virginia this week but most likely will be able to join. As usual, the instructor will be Gaylord Campbell, our legendary board shaper and surfing guru. If you happen to be an intermediate or advanced surfer with your own equipment, feel free to join us on this fun trip.

Club members, please note that all longboards ARE RESERVED for Sunday.

Mondo’s is a perfect place for learning how to surf, safe for beginners and fun when it's breaking. You will get high quality instructions from Gaylord and learn to surf in forgiving conditions. Surf forecast for Sunday is small at Mondo's, which means ideal for beginners. Surfing looks deceptively easy, but it is not easy to learn. At least you can give it a try to see if it is something you'd like to pursue. The only prerequisite is to be a good swimmer, age over 18. You don’t have to be a member of the Club to go on this trip. If you attended our surf lessons in the past you can sign up again in order to improve your skills because "practice makes perfect".

To prepare for Sunday you should go swim laps in the pool, as paddling is a major part of surfing, and beginners often find that their arms turn to noodles on the first day on the surfboard.

The cost of the lessons is $20/person, surfboards and wetsuits are provided. The event is open to all members of Caltech/JPL community and their guests. The first 20 people who sign up will be given priority (on first-come, first-surfed basis ;) while others are placed on waiting list and informed as soon as any spots open. Some people may cancel late on Saturday or not show up on Sunday, so if you are on the waiting list please be packed/ready to go if you get a phone call on Sunday.

We will meet at the clubhouse (NE corner of the Brown Gym, a.k.a. old gym, bldg #1 on campus map) at 8 AM to load surfboards on cars and pick wetsuits. Expect to be back in Pasadena around 5-6 PM, depending on traffic. We then unload and rinse/store the equipment, you should be at home by 8 PM.

Bring food and water for the day, towel, bathing suit, hat, warm clothes, sunscreen, a book to read in case you get tired early or have to wait for your turn on the shared equipment. Car-pooling will be arranged, bring some extra money for gas, we will try to minimize the number of cars on this trip. If you’d like to borrow an instructional DVD before the trip or organize screening for the whole group at the Caltech Y or elsewhere, let us know. In case you have any of the Club's instructional DVDs in your possession please return them ASAP.

To sign up for the lessons, reply to surfer@caltech.edu (DO NOT reply to me or the whole mailing list). Use the SAME SUBJECT LINE AS ABOVE and include the following info about you and your party:
1. Name(s)
2. Your e-mail address and cell phone #
3. Skill level (beg/int/adv), do you have your own equipment?
4. Car (do you have one, can you bring it, how many extra seats are there, does it have a hard-mount roof-rack, or can we install a soft-rack on it?)
5. Volunteer (can you help with car-pool logistics, waiting list, or equipment on the day of the trip?
You can earn club rental credits for volunteering and may be considered for any of the coveted club officer posts.)
6. Caltech affiliation (undergrad, grad, faculty, staff, JPL,...)

NOTE: INCOMPLETE INFO ABOVE WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

To learn more about the Club or surfing in general see the links below.
Any questions, please contact surfer@caltech.edu

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