



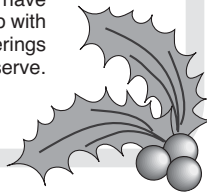
Solstice Celebration

December 11, 2008 at 7pm
at Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton

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- Dish to Pass
- Your Own Beverages
- Your Own Table Settings
- Money Donation for Bubolz Nature Preserve*
- White Elephant Gift
A White Elephant Gift is something from your home that you no longer want. Do *NOT* buy a gift: recycle one!
- Good Spirits & A Friend

* This year we have again decided to collect donations as financial help to Bubolz Nature Preserve. Numerous things in recent years have caused a serious strain on their budget. Because of our relationship with the Preserve we desire to help. We will accept your financial offerings (via mail or at our December party) and forward them to the Preserve. Please open your hearts (and your wallets) this holiday season.



Upcoming Programs...

November 13, 2008 • 7:00 PM Healthy Kitchens: Green Cleaning and Conscious Eating

Research shows that many chronic diseases are preventable through lifestyle choices. With a background in food services and human service, as well as degrees in education and communication, Carolyn Campbell is excited to offer a presentation that builds awareness of what is typically found in kitchen cupboards. Preparing healthy, tasty, and attractive foods from a non-toxic kitchen is the goal.

January 8, 2009 • 7:00 PM Caring For the Animals of Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

The Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay has cared for more than 24,400 animals since 1985. Learn what it takes to rehabilitate and release these animals from Lori Bankson, senior animal keeper. Lori is sure to liven up a cold winter night!

Programs are held at the wheelchair accessible Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (County A) in Appleton and are open to the public. Please join us!

Thank You 2008 Ice Age Trail Volunteers

Members of the Fox Valley Sierra Group worked on two Ice Age Trail workdays in 2008: May 31 and September 20.

On May 31 we built a new trail segment off of Foley Road near its intersection with Cobbtown Road. Foley Road and Cobbtown Road are located north of Hartman Creek State Park. The new segment is at the end of Foley Road and runs right along the Waupaca River. Currently the trail is on Foley Road but will now go off road. The following FVSG members volunteered their time on May 31: Alan Lawrence, Diana Lawrence, Ruth Sommers, Angie Young, Mike Kirk and Dale Schaber.

On September 20 we did maintenance work on the Green Loop of the Emmons Creek segment off of the Ice Age Trail. We also worked south to 2nd Avenue and north of the parking area at the Emmons Creek State Fishery and Wildlife Area at Stratton Lake Road. This work area is south of Hartman Creek State Park. Maintenance work was done here in preparation for the Hike-A-Thon that took place at Hartman Creek State Park on October 4, 2008. The following FVSG members volunteered their time on September 20, 2008: Sarah Lauer, John Duffin and Darrel Ruechel.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time to work on the Ice Age Trail in 2008. Details about the Ice Age Trail workdays in 2009 will appear in the spring issue of our newsletter. Contact Darrel Ruechel at 715-258-5226 or at dairl@waupacaonline.net for more information about these upcoming workdays. ♣



Waupaca River along the Ice Age Trail by Foley Road.
MIKE KIRK

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One Month Without a Car

by Jan Moldenhauer

One month without a car! Harder than it sounds, even in summer. I spent the month of August biking for food, recreation, and transportation, not just for sport, and I didn't like it! Because of a series of accidents on my trip home from my annual visit to Canada, I was afraid to drive as well as carless. So I rode my trusty bike everywhere.

Now, I have been a bike advocate for years, ever since the gasoline shortages of the Carter administration when I bought my first grown up bike and started using it. In purchasing my house, some of the criteria were that it be within walking distance of my job, a cleaners, pharmacy, liquor store and grocery store. Those things still exist, so I was able to live without a car, although shopping to fit into a backpack put a strain on the baggers at the store as well as my back while riding. I met one family doing the same thing; two

children under the age of ten carried small backpacks and the mother and father were loaded down with backpacks and bags. The father looked heroic, but the mother was red faced and fretting, wondering if she could handle the children's complaints and the pack on her back. It is not all fun and games on a bicycle.

One thing I found for sure, our country is not built for bikes or walking; it is built for cars. Everything is a couple of miles away. That might not seem intimidating to you fitness addicts, but to an old lady it is. Don't speak to me about the bus system either. I happen to have a bus stop right on my corner, but I didn't see a bus for the whole month! They either discontinued them for the month of August or changed the route. Who knows?

Getting places was not the real problem; it was looking *(Continued on page 4)*

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FROM THE CHAIR

There is a marker along the Ice Age Trail passing through Hartman Creek State Park. It calls attention to the open grassy field with occasional oak trees, and describes a vanishing habitat: "Wisconsin once harbored 7.3 million acres of oak savanna habitat. Many plants and animals depended on the oak savanna for survival... Today only 500 acres of the original oak savanna remain. It is now the most threatened plant community in the state and one of the rarest in the world."

Only 1 out of every 14,600 acres of the original habitat survived. Those are holocaust proportions!

Elections offer us the opportunity to elect leaders who understand or respect our natural environments. We need only to observe the environmental damage around us to realize that it is the rare leader who is able to understand the importance of the environment and is willing to protect it.

We need leaders who understand, or at least respect, the science and theories of global warming and abrupt climate change. We need leaders who value diverse species and the ecological environments they and we need. We need leaders who understand that our own survival is closely linked to the ecosystems of the world.

Sierra Club's motto is "Explore, enjoy, and protect the planet." I hope you'll pay attention to "protect" as you cast your vote on November 4.

Watching and listening to our president talk about the financial disaster on national television I joked to myself, "Is he talking about climate change?"

It was a joke, but I fear it likely won't be too many years before the then-president goes on national television and tries to explain the disasters of global warming to the country and the world. Many will wonder why nothing was done when it would have been easier to do something about it. And that disaster will likely cost much more than our current financial crisis.

We need to leave behind our dependence on oil and coal. They pollute and contribute dangerously to global warming. And their mining damages or destroys many environments.

A recent television story about the legendary Loch Ness Monster inspired me to learn more about the famous Scottish lake. The large 23-mile long lake has an area of 21.8 square miles and is up to 754 feet deep. It contains more fresh water than all the lakes in England and Wales combined, with 1.8 cubic miles of water. The shocker, to me, was to compare that to the amount of oil we consume. Each year people use more than 2.5 cubic miles of oil. That's half-again more, each year, than the total amount of fresh water in all of England and Wales.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

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Scouts Build Duck Houses

Denmark Cub Scout Pack 4052 participated as a group to build wood duck houses this past spring. In true Scout fashion they used recycled cedar lumber in order to reduce, reuse, and recycle. 27 boys aged 7 to 12 constructed a dozen duck houses. The houses were put into service and ducks used about half of them this year. The boys gained valuable lessons about wildlife while doing this project.

The project, involving the entire pack, was the idea of Milo Sidwell, one of the parents. But he gives full credit to the leaders and the boys. A new crop of younger boys is now interested in building more duck houses next spring. ♣





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good when I got there. Warm weather and helmet head go hand and hand, as well as having to wear things that are conducive to riding. My trip to church on Sunday mornings was faster than I could do it in my car, but upon arrival my hair was plastered down and ugly and thank God it was hot, so Bermudas were okay with the congregation. Growing old does not mean you lose your vanity! A trip to the doctor was possible, but upon arrival I always had to remind them I was riding, to account for a little higher blood pressure reading than normal.

Yes, I did have friends to take me to other places for tests and procedures and for a real big shopping day, but for the most part I muddled on, content with my bike. Everything just took longer, or so it seemed. Probably not, since the only thing I really timed was my church going. I cannot imagine what one would do in cold weather. On the whole, I think it would be easier for a man to make do on a bike because of the helmet-head issue, but I really don't think anyone can really exist in the United States without a car. We have limited our infrastructure, buses, public transportation, to fit cars. Even the parking lots at our grocery stores and stores in general are getting so huge, you need a bus to get from your car to the store! We talk about walks and little shops but rarely venture forth on foot to try them. I figure I am a pretty normal person and enjoy walking and moving, but I found during the month of August that I love my car!

My community, and all communities need to look into the near future and plan for transportation without oil. The recent prices of gasoline have brought out bicycles that have not seen the light of day in years. That's the good thing. Urban sprawl and lack of planning is the bad thing. Urge your communities to do a better job! ♣

Ramblin' with Rich

NO NUKES! Here we go again. *by Rich Krieg*

Once again, nuclear power is rearing its ugly head in our state. Governor Doyle recently reversed his long-standing position and is supporting the lifting of Wisconsin's nuclear plant moratorium. (According to the Green Bay Press-Gazette, his decision came on the heels of a \$24,000 contribution from a utility that owns Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant.) Green Bay Assemblymen Jim Soletski and Phil Montgomery are two of nuclear power's biggest cheerleaders. If Wisconsin does end up building new plants, the resulting waste should be stored, in their backyards. It would also be a good idea if Doyle, Soletski, and Montgomery had to live in a community that borders a uranium mine.

First of all it makes no sense to try to solve global warming by using nuclear power. It takes at least 10-15 years to build a plant. In terms of reducing CO2 emissions, we don't have that much time. The processes of constructing a plant, mining uranium and refining uranium are extremely fossil fuel intensive. A large-scale effort to

build more nukes would actually result in a sudden increase of CO2 in the atmosphere. Any solution that increases CO2 levels should not be seen as a viable alternative.

Secondly, the production of nuclear waste is an extremely irresponsible legacy to leave to future generations. Recent estimates put the price tag of dealing with this stuff at 95 billion dollars. I see that money not as an investment in the future, but as a price tag for cleaning up an extremely toxic mess. I also wonder how many Wisconsinites understand that if Yucca Mountain does not work out, northern Wisconsin is seen as the second-best spot to store the nation's nuclear waste.

Also, anyone who does not realize there is a link between nuclear weapons and nuclear energy has their head in the sand. There really can be no real effort to eliminate nuclear weapons without the elimination of nuclear energy. Along with this, I see every plant and waste storage facility as a bulls-eye for terrorists.

However, I am open-minded about this. When the taxpayers start to invest in clean, locally produced, carbon-neutral energy sources at the same rate they currently subsidize the nuclear industry, I might change my mind. ♣

Replacing a Toilet

by Alan Lawrence

For years my wife and I have been annoyed with the toilet that came with our house. Our main gripe was that it often took more than one flush to do the job. We knew we needed to replace it. I felt I could do the job myself, but I long procrastinated since I feared this could be difficult.

Finally, one Saturday morning we headed to Home Depot and looked at their large display of toilets. There were so many varieties, though most seemed to boast low water usage. We talked to a salesman and eventually selected an American Standard model that uses 1.6 gallons of water per flush. The salesman helped us select the required wax ring and a replacement water supply hose. The entire purchase cost about \$140.

The replacement proved easier than I feared. I began the task on a Saturday

morning so that I would have time to make return trips to the store, if necessary. I flushed some bleach down the toilet so that I could at least pretend the germs might be dead. Then I turned off the water supply, drained the tanks, and removed floor bolts. The toilet was easy enough to lift in a single piece and take outside. The plastic drainpipe was cleaner than I expected; I imagined it would be like an unhealthy blood vessel and be lined with crud, but it was clean. I cleaned away the old wax ring and removed the old bolts. Then I cleaned the floor that had been beneath the toilet.

Removing old plumbing is usually the easy part of the task. Too many of my past plumbing projects have leaked and required much effort to fix, so I imagined most of my work lay ahead. Fortunately, it went smoothly. I connected new flange bolts, wax ring, and water supply, placed the toilet base and bolted it down. Then I connected the tank and supply hose.

The hardware inside the tank was already in place, some new technology that does not depend on the large float. Time to turn on the water. The tank appeared to fill just fine, with no apparent leaks. And finally, the test. Flush. Wow, the water was instantly swallowed down the drain and replaced. Not the traditional swirl, but an instant gulp and swallow.

I can report that over the several months of the new toilet there have been no leaks. And the toilet has never needed to be flushed twice nor threatened to overflow.

The low water technology, though not the lowest 1.2 GPF model, has certainly been saving us a lot of water. And the low water usage has reduced the sweating that has always occurred during humid summer months. I should have attempted this project earlier. ♣

Wondering who to vote for on November 4?

If you need help researching the candidates or reviewing their voting scorecards consider these website resources:
<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org> or <http://www.conservativoters.org>

NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES, LOCAL EVENTS & CLASSES

Brillion Brillion

November 8 - Saturday

Dreamcatchers. 1:30-2:30 PM. Learn the Ojibway tradition behind dreamcatchers as you make your own dreamcatcher ornament to take home. All materials will be provided. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register in advance. Cost: Members/\$3, Non-members/\$5.

November 18 - Tuesday

Life After Dark. 6-7 PM. Learn about owls and how they are perfectly adapted to hunt in the dark. Get a hands-on look at owl artifacts and listen to some of the different sounds of Wisconsin owls. Susan Theys of Wildlife of Wisconsin will present with a live barn owl. This program will be followed by the Brillion Nature Center Annual Meeting open to all adults interested in participating. Cost: Free.

January 24 - Saturday

Snowshoe Skills. 1-2:30 PM. Whether you have walked on snowshoes before or are interested in strapping on a pair for the first time, this is a good opportunity to brush up on your snowshoe skills. Learn how to change direction, get to your feet after a fall, cross a log or ditch without "bridging", and more. Please register in advance. Snowshoe rental: Members/\$3, Non-Members/\$5

Bubolz Appleton

November 1 - Saturday

Geocache Class. 11-4. Participants will have a hands-on opportunity to use a GPS unit to find temporary and permanent caches hidden at the Preserve. This class is geared for the beginner. Bring your own GPS unit if you have one, or borrow one at no extra charge. Call 920-731-6041 to register. Cost: \$7/non-members, \$5/Members.

November 18 - Tuesday

Annual Meeting - "The Sport of Dog Sledding" 7 PM. Jim's energetic presentation offers hands-on learning with some of his most prized husky dogs, dog sleds, and sled equipment. For those who attend the annual meeting, a follow up field trip to Jim's site is being planned for sled rides in the winter of 2009. The meeting and presentation are open to the general public and suitable for all ages. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. RSVP by Nov. 10 by calling or email at info@bubolzpreserve.org.

December 3 - Wednesday

Herbs of the Yule Season. 7-8 PM. Jackie Johnson from the NEW Herb Society will teach legends, lore & history of herbs for the Yule season. Handouts included. Pre-registration & payment required. Cost: \$4/person.

January 9 - Friday

Moonlight Ski & Hike. 6-9 PM. 1.5 miles of trail will be illuminated by candlelight. Flashlights or

headlamps recommended. Ski rental available for special rate of \$5/person. Trail fee of \$3 applies to non-members with own equipment. Hot dogs, chips and hot beverages available for a small fee. The trails will be lit for hiking if there is not enough snow.

January 17 - Saturday

Beginner Cross Country Ski Instruction. 9-11 AM. Expert ski instructors will take you through the basic steps to learn how to cross-country ski and proper clothing to wear. You will have an opportunity to practice on the Preserve's beautiful groomed trails. Call to register & reserve your ski equipment 920-731-6041. Cost: \$10/person. Ski rental is included (skis, boots & poles).

Heckrodt Menasha

November 1 - Saturday

Native American Games. 1-3 PM. Rest your skills with a handful of Native American inspired games such as Shinny and the Bone Game. Create your own game to take home with you. Cost: \$2/person

December 6 - Saturday

Children's Christmas Gift Workshop. 12:30-3:30 PM. Children make and take 6 gifts suitable for giving to adults and other children. Gifts are wrapped by volunteers at the event. Hot cocoa and cookies will also be provided. Preregistration and prepayment required. Cost: \$10/child

January 10 & 11 - Saturday & Sunday

Free Snowshoe Weekend. 11-4. Come give snowshoeing a try! We'll help you strap some on, give you some basic instruction, and then point you in the direction of our snowshoe trail! No charge - first come first served.

Ledgeview Chilton

Saturdays & Sundays in November

Cave Tours. 1 PM. Cave tours are led by a naturalist and include information on the geology, biology, and human history of the caves. The caves are chilly and are accessed by stairs and ladders. Opportunities for exploring are provided. The more fun you have, the dirtier you get. Bring flashlight. Cave tours can last 2-1/2 hours. No reservations required: first come, first served (Limit 35). Recommended minimum age five years old with parent. Cost: \$5/person.

December 6 - Saturday

Nature Ornaments. 1 PM. Make as many nature ornaments as you like; materials will be provided. Cost: \$2/person.

Holiday Wreaths. 1 PM. Wreath greens, pine cones, wire provided. You bring a wreath frame, ribbon, wire cutter, and pruning shears and we'll show you how to create your own wreath. (Nature Ornaments is at the same time in the same room.) Cost: \$5-15 for wreath materials.

January 11, 18, 25 - Sundays

Snowshoe Hikes. 1 PM. Naturalist-guided snowshoe hikes focusing on winter ecology. We'll teach you how to use snowshoes, and then we're off to find out what's going on in that quiet white world. Hikes can last 1-2 hours. Dress for the weather. If snowcover is inadequate, a boot hike will be led instead. Cost: \$5/person (includes snowshoe rental).

Mosquito Hill New London

November 8 - Saturday

28th Annual Nature Art Fest. 10-4 PM. Enjoy great art, warm soups, and artist demonstrations, all in our cozy building. Cost: \$3/person, \$2/students, seniors & FOMH

November 15 & 16 - Saturday & Sunday January 17 & 18 - Saturday & Sunday

Snowshoe Lacing Workshop. 8:30-4 (Sat), 8:30-3 (Sun) Alaskan style, complete with Bob Maki bindings. Frames are pre-bent and varnished but all the hand lacing is left for participants. Registration and payment required before November 10. Cost: \$150/person, \$140/FOMH.

November 23 - Sunday

Natural Ornaments. 1-4 PM. Grapevine, sheet moss, tamarack cones and milkweed pods are just a few of the materials you'll be using to create ornaments that will bring a bit of the outdoors into your home this season. This class is best suited for adults and older teens. Registration & payment are due before Nov. 14. Cost: \$15/person, \$12/students, seniors & FOMH.

November 30 - Sunday

Natural Twig Lamp. 12-3:30 PM. Twigs sustainably harvested from a variety of trees on the nature center property make this project so attractive you'll want to make one for everyone you know! Call to register before November 21. Cost: \$27/adults, \$25/students, seniors, FOMH.

January 31 - Saturday

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. 6:30-8 PM. Where are the seven sisters? What is the winter hexagon? See for yourself as we scan the clear winter skies for stars and constellations. Call to register before January 25. Cost: \$3.50/adults, \$2.50/students, seniors, FOMH.

1000 Islands Kaukauna

December 31 - Wednesday

Wildlife New Year's Bash. 10 AM. Help ring in the New Year with nature. Will include games, crafts and lots of fun!

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FOX VALLEY SIERRA GROUP

2008 Executive Committee Ballot

Please vote for four positions. Refer to the accompanying article for information on each candidate.
Individual spaces are provided for joint members.

	Member 1	Member 2
Jan Moldenhauer	_____	_____
Dale Schaber	_____	_____
Write-in Candidate	_____	
Write-in Candidate	_____	

Please vote for four positions. Return the completed ballot to:
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Deadline for voting is December 20, 2008



DALE SCHABER

Appleton
Member since 1976

Occupation:

Retired School Librarian and
Elementary Teacher

Background in Sierra Club Activity:

Founding member of the Fox Valley Sierra Group in 1982. First Chairperson of Group from 1/1982 to 1/1985. Ice Age Trail contact person from 1985 to present. Currently the Conservation Chair.

Candidate Statement:

What are your goals for FVSG?

My main objective is to involve more people in Northeastern Wisconsin with the Fox Valley Sierra Group. By concentrating on educational activities and projects (Ice Age Trail and Conservation Issues) I want to leave a legacy so others will continue the work that FVSG members have started during the past 26 years.

What conservation issue have you followed recently?

Maintaining the environmental protections that Senator Gaylord Nelson and others established in the 1970's and 1980's. The Bush Administration is destroying our air, water, land and species protections. We need these protections to maintain our quality of life in these United States.

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JAN MOLDENHAUER

Oshkosh
Member for about 25 years

Occupation:

Retired swimming and diving coach

Background in Sierra Club Activity:

Board member for about 13 years. Current Program Chair.

Candidate Statement:

Since I have always been involved with activities in and around water, I find my chief interest is in water and water based subjects. I attend meetings of the Army Corp of Engineers to insure water quality in Lake Winnebago and its watershed. As a paddler, sailor, and fisherman, I have done water quality surveys on lakes and streams with the University and Trout Unlimited. I have contacted both local, and state people about conditions that affect our waterways. Our state or national senators know my name, because i think they must be held accountable for laws that affect our state. I am an activist and a vocal member of our community.

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Would you like to join the executive committee?

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It's Our Nature

WINTER OUTINGS

Please join us on one of our outings this winter! They are a great way to meet other members and to see some of Wisconsin's most beautiful places. Outings are open to all members and non-members. In order to participate, sign up at one of our general meetings at Bubolz or contact the outings leader directly. After you contact a trip leader, they will provide you with all of the trip details.

December 21, Sunday

Cross-country ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp. Hot apple cider will be provided! Rich Krieg, 920-497-8004, eddyout@gmail.com

January 16-19, Friday-Monday

X-C Ski AFTERGLOW LAKE RESORT trip, Phelps, WI, in the Wisconsin snow belt. We have the coveted MLK weekend reservations at this family run resort. Stay for three the nights, ski for 4 days! The Afterglow Lake Resort is located 18 miles north of Eagle River, WI. They have a website for more information. We have a side-by-side duplex type cabin reserved. Each side has 3 bedrooms (2 double beds and 2 bunks.) Cabins have wood burning fireplaces and full kitchens. Skiing is available right at the resort. Both diagonal/classic and skating tracks are available, plus there are separate snowshoe trails. Both types of trails are excellent. There are also other trails close by to check out. Penny and I will bring the ski books we have and the Gazetteer so we can find the trails. But it's nice to ski right from the cabin and there are no trail fees for resort guests. Tubing and ice-skating are also available for those who are interested. There is also a whirlpool and a sauna. And a hole in the water for the polar plunge if you're so inclined! **Meal plans:** Bring your own breakfasts and lunches. **Friday Night:** On your own. There is a supper club in Phelps and several in nearby (12 miles) Land 'O Lakes also. Check in and see who would like to go where. **Saturday Night:** wine/beer and cheese tasting first,

then Pot Luck! Please bring something that goes with chili like salad or bread and bring your own wine/beer/beverage and cheese for sharing and tasting with others. **Sunday Night:** Leftovers or do-what-you-want night. Lodging costs are about \$120 per person for all three nights, including a \$5.00 trip fee. Non-refundable (unless we are able to replace you) deposit of \$100 due to reserve your spot. Nancy Brown-Koeller; eves 920-830-6625, weekends 715-524-2293. N419 Mayflower Rd, Appleton, WI

Times and meeting locations of outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form. To read a copy of the waiver, please see the Chapter's website: wisconsin.sierraclub.org/outings.htm

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Deadline...

for submitting materials for the
February-April 2009 newsletter is January 10th!

Anyone can submit articles, photos, poems, trip reports, etc. Email Kelly at kellykrupka@yahoo.com



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