

2011 General Mountaineering Camp / Tsar-Somervell
July 2nd to August 13th (six week-long camps)
Price: \$1680 (one week) / \$1580 (additional weeks) + tax

The Alpine Club of Canada is pleased to announce the location of the 2011 General Mountaineering Camp! This year, join us in the remote Tsar-Somervell area of the Rocky Mountains - an exceptionally secluded spot in a majestic setting, south of Mt. Clemenceau and west of the Columbia Icefield.

At an elevation of 2060m/6,760', we'll have a spectacular campsite beside a small stream located on a bench just west of Mt. Somervell. The campsite is surrounded by numerous glaciers and the area's major peaks: *Tsar* (3399m/11,151') and *Shackleton* (3338m/10,951'). Other prospective summits include *Apex* (3240m/10,629'), *Pic Tordu* (3160m/10,367'), *Duplicate* (3090m/10,137'), *Somervell* (3080m/10,104'), *Stanley/Livingstone* (3080m/10,104'), *Norton* (3060m/10,039'), *Rhodes* (3040m/9,973'), *Cowl* (3020m/9,908') and *Ellis* (2960m/9,711').

This is a brand new area for the GMC and we are excited to offer ACC members a chance to explore this remote location; Tsar and Shackleton are on many mountaineers' "tick lists" but access to the area is challenging for small groups. The GMC's close proximity should allow many successful ascents of these two spectacular summits. In addition, there are several smaller, non-technical climbs, which will accommodate those looking for shorter days.

Our base camp is also situated near rock slabs, glaciers and snow slopes that will work well for rock and snow school. The lower portions of the Tsar and Shackleton Glaciers are low-angled - perfect for non-technical glacier walks.

This year's camp will be staged out of Golden, B.C. from where participants will drive three hours to the helicopter staging area at the 'Point' located on the east side of Kinbasket Lake at the mouth of Sullivan Harbour. From there, you'll be whisked by helicopter to our base camp. This year's flight path does not traverse any glaciated areas nor cross any high passes, making flights easier to complete in a broad range of weather conditions.

The camp operates on a seven day, Saturday to Saturday, basis. Attendance fees (per week) will cover tent accommodation (single tents available for an additional fee), guiding and instruction in all disciplines, sumptuous meals and group climbing equipment.

If you've attended a GMC in the past, you already know how rewarding an experience it is. If you've always wanted to join us, this is a great opportunity to be challenged by an outstanding mountaineering area, take in beautiful vistas and enjoy the renowned camaraderie of the GMC. The GMC typically has a waiting list so register early to avoid disappointment! The GMC has been a proud ACC tradition since 1906.

To register, contact the ACC's National Office by email: adventures@AlpineClubofCanada.ca or by phone: (403) 678-3200, ext. 112. For general information regarding the camp please e-mail Brad Harrison at colwest@shaw.ca

Maps and photos of the Tsar-Somervell area will be available for viewing later in September at: www.colwest.ca

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