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The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (no experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. Membership rates per year are \$35 member, \$55 couple, \$18 junior or associate.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire to members at reasonable rates (tents, ice axes, crampons, harnesses, large and small weekend pack, billies and a mountain radio). Contact Gear Custodian, Bernard Parawa 981 4931. Note: Club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it.

Our **Club Hut** in the Arthur's Pass Township has the comforts of home but with the mountains at the back door. - Even better now with real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!). A great place for a few days away; take your usual gear and a pillowcase. **Please book** before leaving town to ensure there is a bunk available. For keys and bookings phone Andrew Wrapson 381 6003; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352 5327; or if they're both away, Dave Watson 981 7929 (or pager 026 252 3284). Hut fees are \$6 member, \$6 member's partner, \$12 non-member, \$4 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Andrew.

Social Scene: We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge), Hagley Park South, 57 Riccarton Avenue (entrance opposite the hospital). A variety of social functions are organised, the atmosphere informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384 6425.

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays, from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, park on one of the nearby side streets, otherwise it may be wheel clamped or towed. If you are taking your car please refuel at Shell Carlton, as they are kind enough to hold our trip lists. Every trip gives an indication of petrol costs per person. Please bring it in cash to help the leader divvy up at the end. If you have comments or suggestions for trips, please contact the appropriate trip organiser (listed at top of the page).

Leaders: Please ask for the trip list box (disguised as a shiny red 'Stanley' toolbox) and post the trip list into the locked box. If anyone turns up after this, the service station has a key to open the box. Spare key holders are listed on the box.

Notices

Email: The club operates a moderated email list, whose address is members@ctc.org.nz. This list is used to send out the newsletter, occasional tramping related messages and other invites, and from time to time a complete list of the email addresses of CTC members. Messages intended for the list, and requests to join or leave the list should be sent to the above email address. Note that the moderator will check as to the appropriateness of all messages.

CTC Stickers: The club has Christchurch Tramping Club stickers for members to stick in hut books when they visit. Contact Sandi Keenan 981 9583.

Photos: Thanks to the multi-talented Paul Ashton, we now have photos on the web page to accompany trip reports. Please email photos to P.Ashton@ext.canterbury.ac.nz

Membership Database: If you know of any updates, errors or omissions, call Rex on 352 5327 or email greta-vink@clear.net.nz.

Avalanche Peak Challenge: For about 11 years Dave Watson (Club President) has been involved with the organisation of the Avalanche Peak Challenge and the club has provided marshals. Last year doubts were expressed within committee meetings about some aspects of this event. This culminated in a majority vote in December that the club would not be involved in the 2004 race.

Dave, Sandi Keenan (Club Captain) and other members of the club continue to be involved with the event as organisers and marshals. The club logo is also on event advertising as these were produced before December 2003. In light of this a public notice was placed in The Press, to clarify that the Club was not officially involved.

Since then there has been further discussion with two opposing views:

1. Dave and Sandi are defying a committee decision and have a conflict of interest.
2. Dave and Sandi can do what they like in their spare time

Another issue raised is that the committee should not have made their initial decision and should have called a meeting of all members. (Though that does create the difficulty of knowing what a committee is for, or at least the dilemma of knowing at what point the committee mandate finishes and members have to be consulted- maybe this also needs to be discussed?)

So what now? It is possible that a special meeting will be called, however at time of writing a date has not been set. The other possibility is that the issue will be raised at the AGM in April. The date for that will be set at the next committee meeting and will be in the April newsletter.

If you have an opinion on this issue, the meeting is a time for you to express it and to hear other people's ideas and positions. It would also be helpful if you could make an informed decision on the club's future involvement. – Do you think we should be part of the 2005 event and if so under what conditions?

Joanna Ibell

A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB A Concise History of the Christchurch Tramping Club

Instalment 6, the 1970s

Club life became significantly more complex in this decade. Apart from our regular programme we began to take part in several linked activities. These include:

The Canterbury Mountain Radio Service which provides portable radios for parties tramping in remote areas. Development of the necessary equipment began in the 60s but the system became established in the 70s. Long term member, Paul White, remains involved today in running this service.

The High Country Fire Fighting Team was established in 1971 by NZ Forest Service to respond to fires in mountain areas. Several club members, led by David Jenkinson have remained part of this team for over 30 years.

Some of our members also worked for the local *Mountain Safety Committee* (a subset of the NZ Mountain Safety Council) which provided instruction courses for novice trampers and safety literature for all types of mountain recreation. We have also taken part in Search and Rescue but because our involvement has varied over several decades, I will discuss this later.

Mountain recreation became recognised as a mainstream part of national leisure activity and the relevant government departments became much more active in building tracks and huts. This led to the establishment of advisory bodies such as Forest Park and Walkway Committees. Several club members served on these bodies during the next two decades until they were rationalised into the present one size fits all Conservation Boards by DOC.

Our club became active in broader conservation/recreation issues. In 1972, we formed a working group with Forest & Bird to oppose a proposed road along the Bank's Peninsula summit ridge between Hilltop and Gebbie's Pass. This remains a walking route. This led on to joining a national group opposing a similar scheme for a road along the route of the Heaphy Track. A by-product of the Bank's Peninsula controversy was a closer working relationship with the Summit Road Society which handles amenity issues on the Port Hills. Anne Henderson who was CTC secretary for a number of years also became their secretary for a long time and some of our members have worked on tracks and bush restoration on the hills since then.

Despite all this high minded activity, we continued normal tramping and social events. We celebrated our 40th anniversary in 1972 with a slide evening and dinner dance. We "discovered" North West Nelson (now Kahurangi) about this time and several club parties completed epic long tramps in this delightful region. Small groups of members undertook overseas tramps including Tasmania in 1974 and N.S.W in 1977.

At Easter 1974, Brian and Sharon Manson and Phillip Nicholls were killed by a landslide which destroyed the small fishing hut near Lake Daniels. The CTC, in conjunction with the local fishing club, built a larger memorial hut on the shore of the lake. This was opened at Easter 1976 and remains a popular destination for easy tramping.

CORRECTION – In the last instalment, I said that Colin McCallum was too enthusiastic with blazing the pilot line of the Binser Saddle Track. In fact Colin did not cut the surplus blazes but repaired them with bark and moss.

David Henson

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 29 February	Leader: Andrew Turton 332 8275
Ben More Circuit: In the southern section of the Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park lies the Ben More Range. Ben More, @ 1665m, is the high point of the range. Access is via Lake Lyndon Road over Porters Pass. Enjoy spectacular views of Lake Coleridge, Rakaia River, & more.	Grade: Mod Map: K35 Approx: \$15 List closes: 26 Feb
Weekend 28 and 29 February	Leader: John Henson 342 3311
Henry Saddle, Zampa Tops. Camp on the Lewis Pass tops. avoid the sand flies and enjoy the views. Return via Cannibal Gorge.	Grade: Moderate Map: M31 Approx: \$35 List closes: 19 Feb

Thursday 4 March Club Night

Antarctica, we are honoured to have the well-known climber Norman Hardy present to us tonight. Norman was a survival instructor for the US base in 1962. He was also present on the first ascent of Mt Herschell in Antarctica 1968 (trip leader Sir Ed Hillary). Lastly Norman was the trip leader for Scott Base (NZ) for 1983-84. We will see slides of all these trips. NOT TO BE MISSED!

Weekend 6 and 7 March Leader: Andrew Turton 332 8275

Lake Mavis/Williams Saddle: A new trip for the club with the potential for some great tops travel.

Grade: Mod/Hard
Map: K33
Approx: \$40
List closes: 29 Feb

Saturday 6 March Leader: Alan Heard 980 6239

Track Clearing Day: Bring gloves and any of the following: loppers, saw (with guard), and any other track clearing tool that you think may be useful (crowbar? spade?). This will be a mystery trip until the morning of departure.

Grade: Work-Easy
Map:
Approx: \$15
List closes: 4 March

Sunday 7 March Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931

Hinewai, Otanerito: This is on the eastern side of Banks Peninsula beyond Akaroa. Walk down Hinewai Reserve to Otanerito Beach. Bring your swimming gear to round off that hot day.

Grade: Easy
Map: N36, N37
Approx: \$10
List closes: 4 March

Sunday 7 March Leader: Scott Fowler 349 6232

Mt Catherine: Starting from Upper Lake Heron Station, @ about 730m, a loop route takes you up the ridge to the east to Mt Catherine @ 2085m. The return route can be down Home Creek back to the farm. On the way, enjoy the views of the Arrowsmiths and Mt Evans.

Grade: Hard
Map: J35
Approx: \$25
List closes: 4 March

Thursday March 11 Club Night

Our own Gareth Rapley will take us to Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan. Gareth was there Oct last year. We will spend time in the capital city of Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek) and also see the landscape and the people and even some military gear.

Weekend 13 and 14 March Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583

Lake Manson: An easy weekend with a short climb over from Lake Taylor. Camp by the lake and return via Lake Sumner

Grade: Easy
Map:
Approx: \$35
List closes: 4 March

Saturday 13 March Leader: Craig Beere 355 7313

Redcliffe Hill, Rakaia: At Redcliffe, walk the farm track to Redcliffe Hill, a climb of 540m. Then loop across the head of Redcliffe Stream back to the Run Road. Car access includes about 15 km of travel on a roughish dirt road with 2 fords – the Double Hill Run Road - that makes the use of ordinary saloon cars unwise.

Grade: Easy
Map: K35
Approx: \$25
List closes: 11 March

Sunday 14 March Leader: Stewart Smith 343 1065

Black Hill, Rakaia: Car access is same as for Redcliffe Hill. Black Hill @ 2067m is some 1650m above the road and is the high point of the Black Hill Range. As to be expected in this area, the views from on high of Lake Coleridge, Wilberforce

Grade: Mod-Hard
Map: K35
Approx: \$25
List closes: 11 March

River, etc, are impressive.

Sunday 14 March Leader: Dave Henson 942 3954

Mt Pearce – Haytor: This trip starts at the junction of Pigeon Bay Road and the Summit Road. Tramp up leading spur to Mt Pearce. Then along range to head of Starvation Gully. From here go to Mt Haytor then return to Starvation Gully and down vehicle track and road to Pigeon Bay.

Grade: Easy
Map: N36
Approx: \$15
List closes: 11 March

Thursday March 18 Club Night

Lets go hunting with Zeff. He is a member of the Deer Stalkers club and will show us 3x 20min videos of hunting Tahr, Chamois and Rabbits.

Weekend 20 and 21 March Leader: Honora Renwick 942 8368

Griffin Creek, Rocky Creek: Postponed from last month due to poor weather this stunning trip west from the Taipo River is not to be missed.

Grade: Moderate
Map: K33
Approx:\$45
List closes: 11 March

Sunday 21 March Leader: Mike Ny 337 9796

Scenery Nook: A trip not often run by the CTC but a treasure to be enjoyed when it is run. A rare opportunity to visit Scenery Nook via Lands End Road and view the extraordinary cliffs, tidal pools, and sea life on the south-west coast of Akaroa Harbour heads.

Grade: Easy
Map: N36/N37
Approx: \$20
List closes: 18 March

Sunday 21 March Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931

Mts Cassidy & Blimit: Arthurs Pass area. Leave cars at Devils Punchbowl Falls carpark @ 750m. Head up Cons Track then unmarked route up steep and demanding ridge to Cassidy @ 1850m. Scramble along ridge to Blimit @ 1910m. Option to descend thru tarns to Temple Basin Ski field road @ 1600m. Spectacular traverse.

Grade: Mod
Map: K33
Approx: \$35
List closes: 18 March

Tuesday March 23 Club Night

It's Laser Strike! Lets shoot each other and not cause harm. We have booked a double game for \$11 total. Meet at The Harvey Norman centre 3rd floor at 7:50pm for some serious fun. You MUST put your name on the trip list or alan.ross@biolabgroup.com or ph 3846425 numbers are limited.

Thursday March 25 Club Night

Newsletter folding night and also Winter Hats discussion. Bring along you best warm hat and tell us why its so good. Winter is coming soon!

Weekend 27 and 28 March Leader: John Henson 342 3311

Lake Tennyson Base Camp: An opportunity to visit this often ignored area behind Hanmer. Some great day trips with MTB options for those inclined.

Grade: All
Map: M31
Approx:\$40
List closes: 18 March

Sunday 28 March Leader: Susan Pearson 337 4914

High Peak Quartz Hill: The approach is via Snowden Rd and High Peak Rd which leave the Lake Coleridge Rd about 6 km passed Windwhistle. Leave High Pk Rd about 2 km b4 High Pk Station and cross flats and climb to Snowy Pk then traverse E over Middle Saddle to High Pk and on to Quartz Hill and loop

Grade: Easy-Mod
Map: K35, L35
Approx: \$20
List closes: 25 March

back to road.

Saturday Night 27 & Sunday 28 March	Must contact Leader: Ian Dunn 343 2155
Philistine Rolleston Traverse: A classic Arthur's Pass day trip culminating in the ascent of high Peak of Rolleston. This requires a good head for heights and confidence on loose rock. Crampons required. Stay Saturday night at club hut-meet 7pm at service station.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 Approx: \$35 List closes: 25 March
Thursday April 1	Club Night
Our own Jonathan Carr will take us tramping in the UK. Or in English terminology " extreme hill walking " (peaks above 600m)	
Weekend 3 and 4 April	Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931
Amber Col, Polar Range: This high level trip traverses the Polar Range from Walker Pass to Sudden Valley. Great views.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 Approx: \$35 List closes: 25 March
Saturday 3 April	Leader: Sandi Keenan 981 9583
Woolshed Creek & Bus Stop: A richly historical tramp with scenic enchantments. Drive to Woolshed creek carpark. Walk up Mt Somers Walkway to Mt Somers Hut. Do take the short detour b4 the hut – the scenery is worth it. Return from hut via Bus Stop route.	Grade: Mod Map: K36 Approx: \$25 List closes: 1 April
Sunday 4 April	Leader: Ivor Lewis 03 347 8372
Woolshed Coal Mine and Hut: Same as yesterday's trip up to the hut. Return the way you came. A great trip.	Grade: Easy Map: K36 Approx: \$25 List closes: 1 April
Weekend 9 to 12 April Easter	Leader: John Henson 342 3311
Ahuriri, Hunter: This trip from the top of the Ahuriri to the Hunter and return via Canyon Creek is a great opportunity to see what \$10,000,000. can buy.	Grade: Moderate Map:G38 Approx:\$60 List closes: 1 April
Weekend 9 to 12 April Easter	Leader: Susan Pearson 337 4914
3 Pass Trip: This classic trip has 2 options. An extended option from the West taking extra days to include the Taipo and possibly Kelly Range. As well as the standard trip of 3-4 days from the east. Contact Susan for details.	Grade: Moderate Map:K33/J33 Approx:\$50 List closes: 1 April
Weekend 9 to 12 April Easter	Leader: Peter Eman 337 3003
Greymouth Base Camp: This family oriented base camp is limited only by your imagination. Motor camp style accommodation which may be tight for space so contact Peter URGENTLY.	Grade: All/Family Map:J31 Approx:\$45 + Accom List closes:1 April
Saturday 10 April	Leader: Paul Ashton 358 5570
Mt Bruce Broad Stream: Drive to Cora Lynn and walk the Lagoon Saddle route. From the saddle, ascend via the steep poled route to Mt Bruce @ 1630m. Enjoy the magnificent panoramas. Drop down the scree to the south low saddle then	Grade: Mod Map: K34 Approx: \$30 List closes: 8 April

east into Broad Stream where a route exists at the bush edge. Walk down the bush spur, and later the streambed, to a major fork, & then to the highway.

Trip Reports

Views to die for above Forest Creek: 29 and 30 November 2003

A splendid vista of snow capped mountains stretching from Arrowsmith to Cook, Sefton and beyond, greeted us as we reached Bullock Bow Saddle. The foreground was an expanse of rolling tussock hills and jagged rocky peaks flecked with snow. The view more than made up for the two hours of continuous uphill tramping under a hot sun we'd endured since leaving the cars, and the blisters that half the party were suffering from (I should have known to have taped my heels as a precaution on such a dry uphill slog).

The day had started with a wake up just after 5 am, to get us to Turtle's (Andrew Turton) place by 6 am. Some of us had been to a wine tasting the night before, which explains why we hadn't driven to the road-end on Friday night and why some may not have been feeling quite 100%. Turtle and John were, however, very wide awake after 2 hours of driving their not quite so serious 4 wheel drives on the somewhat challenging farm track. However, even serious 4 wheel drives would have had problems if they had continued on to some of the upper parts of the "farm track" which were no wider than a single foot track.

The saddle was a pleasant place for lunch and Ruth G. was nodding off even before Turtle announced that we could have a full hour for lunch, and that after that we'd just wander along the tops until we found a tarn that would make a suitable camp site (definitely a low pressure trip – we didn't even manage an 8 hour day!). Getting onto the main ridge of the Sinclair Range was Turtle's only real aim for the trip, as he wanted to see how his shoulder would handle the strain after his ski accident earlier in the year.

A less steep ascent of some 300m took us from the saddle to our first peak at

2003 metres. The range consists of a series of small dips and peaks all around the 2000m mark, which ensured great views for the whole trip, including glimpses of Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki. However, it did give you a slightly weird feeling that you were walking through time, with peaks of recent past and future years – 1974, 1981, 1989, 2004, 2040. Although some of us weren't too sure we'd make some of the following days peaks at 2062 and 2076. The age of some of the trip members was also reflected in the number of inch to the mile maps that appeared on the trip – nobody believed that the maps I had were my dad's! Other than a couple of very short, slightly gnarly bits, the tops travel was good. We camped that night in the tussocks at the tarn below peak 1989, with the slightly cool sou'westerly dieing and the sunset turning the distant hills pink.

The rising sun touched our tents early, and quickly thawed the frost on the tussocks and Ruth T's frozen socks. The original plan had been to continue along over a couple of peaks and then drop down into the headwaters of Forest Creek. However, with another clear day providing great views, and despite the slightly chilly sou'wester, we decided to stay longer on the tops, following a side spur that would drop us into the middle reaches of Forest Creek. It was on the side spur that we found the remains of a shirt (no bones) and came across the only patch of snow we really had to walk in (which was lucky for Alan, as apparently the leader hadn't said anything to him about bringing an ice-axe).

We took a scree slope down into a hot, windless, side stream, which most of us simply followed out to Forest Creek. John and Alan took a high plateau instead, fearing that the side stream

might turn into a gorge. As it happened the stream was easy to follow, and we settled down to lunch while watching John and Alan negotiate the steep and badly eroded face of the plateau down to Forest Creek.

After another leisurely lunch we boulder hopped down the stream, with repeated, but straight forward, river crossings. Just after 3 we came to the point where we had to climb out of the valley back up to the cars. A steep grassed slope was the only likely route, as a series of high eroded bluffs excluded other options. Other than being a slog (and the slightly

unnerving evidence of past ground movement suggesting the slope would also soon become part of the bluffs), it proved to be quite straight-forward. It was then a short traverse back to the cars for the ride down the farm track and back to Christchurch.

Those who enjoyed the stunning weather and views were Andrew Turton (leader), Ruth Tramschek, Ruth Gray, John Shrewsbury, Alan Herd, and Peter Eman (scribe).

Joint club trip invitation

The club has received the following invitation to participate in joint trip with the Mighty Roar 4x4 Vehicular-Mud-Wrestling Club (motto – ‘let nothing stand between us and the wilderness: just knock it down and keep going’)

Mighty Roar is planning a reconnaissance trip through the route of the proposed Hollyford Valley to Haast off-road route (incorrectly known in some namby-pampy tree-hugging circles as the ‘you must be off your head’ route). We view this proposal as vital in clearly establishing the inali-whateveritis right of every Kiwi to go wherever they please, whenever they please, however they please (provided of course that it is in a 4x4 with at least 6 billion brake-horsepower and one of those winchey things on the front).

Depart April 1. [Early start] Rendezvous at 1000 hours outside the Frog & Sprocket Sports Bar. Get to know your trip companions - wander critically around each other’s vehicles, engage in a subtle game of one-upmanship and ‘the time I . . .’ experience swapping, work out who has the biggest tyres. Farewell breakfast (1030 – 1400). Equipment check (do a few practice rounds over the children’s playground area and adjacent nature reserve to check that everything is in working order). Departure 1500 sharp or thereabouts. Please make sure your mud is already on, that you have at least

3 pairs of sunglasses, and that all passengers are securely roped down. Drive in convoy through town looking really cool and making that deep manly engine noise. (Those of you who have to drive backwards for 3km to disengage your hubs after the playground practice should ensure that you leave first.)

Camp first night. A helicopter drop of vital supplies (beer) has been arranged. Meet representative from the pighunters association to discuss route and tactics. The Mongrel Mob have kindly agreed to provide a diversionary activity to distract any anti-free-access boot-fixated trampers or environmentalist loonies who might have got wind of our plans.

Day 2. Our main aim is to take the shortest most direct route from start to finish, but extra macho-points and chest hair can be gained from the number of times you almost bottom out, gratuitous use of the winchey thing, complete immersion of the vehicle in environmentally-significant wetlands, and total fuel consumption. A separate road kill tally will also be maintained (double points for anything wearing boots). If we have enough participants we hope that this one trip will carve a 40 m wide 3 ft deep track that it will take centuries of natural regeneration to obscure, and thus irrevocably claim our rights to enjoy the irreplaceable wilderness of Godzone right up to the axle.

We will be met by a small congratulatory committee from Greymouth Police, who will fulfill their duty by blindfold-checking a few road taxes, discussing torque, and admiring the depth of tread on our tyres. One final check of the mud encrustation and then back home!

(the organisers are pleased to announce that this trip has received funding from

the Institute for Investigating why Men have such a Problem in the Modern World and Promoting Truly Masculine ways of Reasserting their True Identity, Fighting the Tide of Quiche and Joint-Parenting Hogwash Threatening to Engulf Civilisation and Learning to spell Machismo with Pride).

Travels with my Aunt

Aunty Ice Axe escorted some old friends around the Central Otago Rail Trail during a short Christmas break from her multitudinous good works and burgeoning herb business (www.threewitches.co.nz). She reports that she was agreeably surprised by the whole experience: despite a slight nostalgic hankering for the days when one could travel the route in the civilised comfort of ones private railway car, the modern aunt is adaptable and found that just as much enjoyment could be derived from struggling into a howling north-westerly on a bicycle. The sense of achievement was second only to the reviving taste of the vodka zinger provided as emergency first aid by the Ranfurly Motel on perceiving Aunty's slightly stressed state on her arrival at that wonderful establishment at the end of her first day's travel. Aunty also recommends the river trail from Alexandra to Clyde, but plans to have a special padded version of her patent all-wool tramping-style directoire drawers when she next takes to the saddle.

The Christchurch – Little River Railtrail Trust are seeking donations and fundraising projects to assist with a railtrail on our back door step. It will be open for walking and biking. For further information see www.littlerriverrailtrail.co.nz
Donations may be made directly to Andrew Tomlin, Trust treasurer, Ainger Tomlin Chartered Accountants, 116 Riccarton Rd, Christchurch.

Auditions

God is proud to present auditions for his latest production "the Four Trampers of the Apocalypse".

If you can do the following we want to hear from you:

Keep both gaiters evenly pulled up and daypack securely fastened while galloping a fiery steed across tussock flats in the moonlight balancing scales on your head,

Maintain a majestic older-than-time expression whilst crossing bum deep mountain rivers, without dousing a flaming sword,

Run in slow motion across fast moving glaciers, with a pack full of barley seeds,

Shout archaic-sounding commands at rising flood waters.

Anyone afraid of erupting volcanoes, earthquakes, floodwaters or horses, or allergic to boils, bee stings or locusts should not apply.

God is an equal opportunity employer.

(There will be a small fifth part for the Cross-country Skier of the Apocalypse)

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