

Valeriy Lumelskiy

Role Model of the Year



Valeriy Lumelskiy moved to the United States in 1997. Prior to his arrival he was a member of the Sports Federation, participated in the mountain expeditions and ascents, was involved with numerous mountain groups in different areas: Caucasus, Central Asia (the Pamirs, Tien Shan), Altai and others. He was mountaineering instructor and conducted training for the mountain groups.

In 2006 Valeriy and Aleksander Chernis founded the Recreational Club Time Presses, which was previously awarded the West Hollywood Russian-Speaking Community Service Award by the City of West Hollywood and West Hollywood Russian Advisory Board. He is very much involved in the activities of the club, including the Wednesday Night Social Club.

Valeriy organized and led a lot of trips for members of different levels of training around Los Angeles and other areas. He organized and conducted 7 climbs to the highest point in the continental United States, Mt. Whitney (4,500 m) and Mt. Russell (4200 m) in High Sierra. In one of the climbing together with A. Chernis atop Mt. Whitney was deployed a flag of the City of West Hollywood, which was then officially presented along with photographs to the Mayor of the City of West Hollywood.

Valeriy participated in the action "Explore Yourself" organized by the club Time Presses. This action was dedicated to the WWII veterans. Valeriy made a non-stop ascends on the 3 highest points of S. California (all above 3,000 meters) for 27 hours and 50 minutes.

Valeriy is an active participant and volunteer for the WWII Russian Veterans Association. He also provides technical and creative support for many cultural activities in the community.