

The Everett Mountaineers

Newsletter

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Social Events

Wednesday, March 6th Monthly Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Branch Potluck and Used Equipment "Gear Grab" following a short business meeting, in lieu of the regular program. Sellers bring gear in good working order that you no longer use and would like to sell. Buyers don't forget to bring cash!

Volunteers Needed

The Everett Branch is looking for new and longtime members alike who would like to become more active in the branch. Those without experience in branch activities need not worry as we have people who will show you the ropes. Volunteers are needed in the following committees: Membership, Conservation, First Aid, and Social. Ask yourself, "Where can I help?" By helping the Branch, you are helping the community too. Contact the Branch Chair, Brian Hench if you would like to help.

Membership needs help with Newsletter publishing, website design, construction and content. Volunteers for website work may directly contact the webmaster, webmaster@everettmountaineers.org.

Conservation needs help with backcountry access issues and conservation project coordination.

First Aid needs a chairperson to manage the heavily armed but gentle first aid instructors. No first aid experience needed but organizational skills desired.

Helpers and coordinators are needed for the Annual Banquet, Salmon Bake, Mount Baker Weekend Retreat, and setup at the monthly business meetings.

Revegetation Work

We want to build on our previous

efforts in revegetation of overused wilderness destinations. Join us in the early stages of planning this year's revegetation projects. We will be discussing a fall project at Lake Burns in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. Contact Brian Hench (catbirdseat@seanet.com) or Carrie Strandell (wolf99@whidbey.net).

Events of Note

Lookout and Trails Maintenance

Crew Leader Trainee Training: Feb. 9, 2002 - Lord Hill. Contact Louie Coglas to sign up at earthhumor@juno.com.

First Aid

Mountain Oriented First Aid (MOFA) Course: April 3, Wednesday, 6-10 P.M., April 13, Sat. 8 A.M. - 8 P.M., April 14, Sun. 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. The Wednesday session will be held at the Fire District #4 training room, 1525 Ave D, Snohomish. Registration is through the Mountaineers Clubhouse. For registration information, please call the Mountaineers clubhouse at 206-284-8484 or 1-800-573-8484. The course registration number is 27924.

MOFA Instructor Class. The Everett Mountaineers will host a class for instructors if there is enough interest (we would need at least 8 people). The class is 18 hours long. You must take the Red Cross ICT (Instructor Candidate Training) course on your own prior to the class. For more information and if interested, contact Duane Sandrin, firstaid@everettmountaineers.org.

Alpine Scrambling

Scramble Leader Orientation/ Instructor Review: March 5th, 2002. The meeting will be held at the PUD building (corner of Hewitt and Virginia, downtown Everett) at 7 p.m. All instructors (old and new) will receive the necessary handouts for the field trips they volunteered for. We will review what's expected and give an orientation to new volunteers. There will also be information for those wishing to

become a scramble leader at any point in the future. Contact Sherri Chisarik or Andy Boos if you would like to attend, 425-438-9216 or sherric4u@yahoo.com.

Climbing

Climbing Leadership Seminar: March 12, 2002, 7-9:30 P.M., Cascade Crags, 2820 Rucker Avenue, Everett. This seminar is offered once a year to those thinking of becoming climb leaders. The seminar is one of the requirements to become a climb leader. We will go over all of the requirements to become a climb leader and offer insights on leading climbs. You must be a Basic Course graduate to attend. Sign up with the instructor, Mike Conner, 425-347-4121, wikiup1@gte.net.

Hiking

Introduction to Hiking & Ten Essentials Seminar: April 19, Thursday, 7 P.M., Everett Public Library, 2702 Hoyt, Everett, in the basement auditorium.

The Hiking Committee invites new Mountaineers members and the general public to attend this free seminar. This seminar is designed to answer questions that a beginning hiker or new Mountaineers member may have about how to get started hiking.

Map and Compass Class: March 25, Sunday. This is a one-day, hands-on field trip in the Cascades. Participants will learn how to navigate using maps, the compass, and landforms. Great course for new members and hikers. Sign up with instructor Clarence Elstad, 425-514-3446.

Folkdance

Second and Fourth Friday of every month at Floral Hall, Forest Park, in Everett. Come and enjoy the fun of folk and old-time dance to a variety of international line, couple, set, and mixer dances from countries around the world. Easy warm-up dances and instruction begin 7:30 P.M. Dance program starts at 8 P.M. New dancers are welcome and partners are not needed. Parents may bring their children. Dances are free. Dates: Feb. 8, 2002, Feb. 22, 2002, Mar. 8, 2002, Mar. 22, 2002.

Denali 2000

Larry Ingalls

Part 3. Continued from issue 95. Even though the wind was blowing cold, we had to stop to eat and drink. This proved to make all the difference and with new energy we headed up the remaining 1,300'. Amazingly, when we gained the summit ridge the wind almost completely died and it cleared. The ridge run to the summit was fun. We spent about 20 minutes up on the 20,320' summit and then noticed that clouds were forming. Time to head down! By the time we got off the summit ridge, which was quick, we were in almost a whiteout— we could only see about 100 yards, then the wind picked up again. From Denali Pass down to camp we used a running belay (used also on the summit ridge) to keep from slipping down the 45° slope. Two climbers from Armenia came past us. They were not roped up and were not even using ice

axes. They got about 50 yards in front of us and one slipped and fell down the face about 500'. We returned to camp to get help for him. We could not have helped him ourselves. The first rule of rescue in the mountains is to not put more people at risk trying to help someone else. Having one person hurt is enough; getting more people hurt is worse. In that location, we would have very definitely risked injury to others. A team from high camp did go out and bring the injured climber back to camp. Because the weather had turned bad, they were not able to get him off the mountain for three days. Eleven hours after we started we were back at high camp. We crawled into the tents and went to sleep. Food could wait. The next morning the wind was howling and cold! It took 30 minutes to melt a pot of snow for water. We put a pot

on and went back to sleep for a half-hour. Did that for the next 1½ hours. Even though the weather was really bad, we decided to leave. I got a little frost bite on the tips of my fingers. I nearly had made it all through the trip without a problem; oh well! The trip out was fast. From high camp we went down to 11,000' in one day. The next day we went the 10 miles to base camp and were back in the Cessna 185 on our way to Talkeetna by 5 P.M. This certainly was a life time experience. We met many very interesting and friendly people. We helped one climber who was totally exhausted and was really struggling to get down the West Buttress headwall. Kevork set up a belay for him and I carried his pack. He was barely able to walk by the time we got up to him. In recognition of our efforts, the National Park Service gave us Denali 2000 pins. We took 16 days to complete the trip, missing our schedule by four days. However, I told my boss we would summit on June 10 before I left. And no good scheduler misses a date. We summited June 10.

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