



Hi Everett Mountaineers,

With fall coming to a close, it's time start planning for winter. Our avalanche and nordic (cross-country) ski courses are now open for enrollment. And our alpine scrambling, backcountry ski, and snowshoe courses will be scheduled in the near future. Sign up and don't let winter pass you by!

In addition to getting outside this winter, I invite you to participate in our monthly newsletter. Do you have a story to share? Our branch is full of tales of adventure, personal triumph, lessons learned, and unforgettable characters. Sharing these stories helps us celebrate what it means to be a Mountaineer. In particular, we'd love to feature a profile of an inspirational Everett Branch member. Check out Future Submissions below for more information.

As always, this e-newsletter highlights some of our branch's activities, courses, events, and amazing volunteers. Remember you can check out all our offerings at mountaineers.org/Everett.

Matt Vadnal,
Acting Editor



Upcoming Courses

Enroll today in one of our outstanding winter courses. If you've taken one of these courses in the past, consider taking it again to refine and sharpen your skills, or try something new! Encourage your co-workers, family members, and friends to join us. Sign up today because these courses fill up quickly.

Enrollment Open!

[Avalanche AIARE Level 1](#) | Dec 7 - Jan 8

Everyone who ventures into the mountains must know about avalanches. Arm yourself with the knowledge and skills needed to safely travel in the mountains during the winter. The AIARE course introduces students to the factors which create avalanches such as weather, snowpack, human activity, and terrain. How to avoid avalanches will also be covered. The course includes a field trip to Mount Baker Jan 7-8. Students will simulate recovering an avalanche victim by finding beacons buried in the snow. It is a fun way to learn a critical skill.

[Nordic \(Cross Country\) Ski](#) | Jan 4 - Feb 4

Shed unwanted holiday pounds by taking our cross-country ski course. This course is designed for the beginning student, but more experienced skiers are also welcome to join us to improve their techniques and make new skiing partners.

To Be Posted Soon

Backcountry Ski/Snowboard

Intermediate downhill skiers who have grown tired of crowded parking lots, expensive tickets, and long lift lines can away from them by going into the backcountry. Using skins to find acres of trackless powder.

Snowshoe Course

This popular entry level will get you on your way exploring winter trails. Courses take place in January. There are two classes and one field trip at Stevens Pass. This class will be available for enrollment in December.

Alpine Scramble Course

A bridge between hiking and technical mountaineering, alpine scrambling teaches you how to negotiate low angle rock, travel through talus and scree, cross streams, navigate dense forest growth, and walk on snow-covered slopes. You will learn how to reach non-technical summits while exploring the diverse off-trail landscape.

Branch Election Results

Our Branch elections are now complete. Thanks and commendations are extended to the candidates, Rules Committee members, Program Center staff members, and Branch members who voted. Our new Branch Officers are:

Branch Chair: Elaina Jorgensen
Vice Branch Chair: Bruce Wolverton
Director: Matt Vadnal
Secretary: Carolyn Henri
Treasurer: Jodi Stebbins

In addition, the Branch membership voted to approve the proposed amendments to our Rules of Governance.

Upcoming Events

Everett Monthly Meeting | Wed, Jan 4

The general public and Mountaineers are invited to attend our monthly get together to learn more about The Mountaineers and get plugged into our outdoor community. Guest speaker TBA. Also, we're moving! Beginning in January 2017, our monthly open houses will be held in the Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD) Building, at 2320 California Street in downtown Everett. Many of our committees already use this facility for classes and meetings.