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Hi Everett Mountaineers,

Enjoy the summer season by enrolling in of the Everett Branch's outstanding outdoor activities. Climbs, hikes, scrambles, and paddles are all scheduled throughout the coming months, all the way into September. Our veteran leaders make these outings fun and memorable experiences for everyone.

As always, this enewsletter highlights some our branch's activities, courses, events, and amazing volunteers. Remember you can check out all our offerings at <u>mountaineers.org/Everett</u>.

Matt Vadnal, Acting Editor



Mountaineer Gala Exceeds Fundraising Goals

On Saturday night, April 14, the rain was pounding down in Seattle. Undeterred by the weather, nearly 430 guests, including many Everett Branch members, made their way to Fremont Studios to enjoy a dinner, a reception, and an auction benefitting

Mountaineers programs. Lynn Hill's presentation enthralled the audience. A living legend in the global climbing community, Lynn's career includes many unprecedented achievements. As she reflected on her quest to excel, she spoke about many obstacles she had to overcome beyond just the rock walls themselves. Jim Whitaker introduced Tom Hornbein, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award. They reminisced about their days together on the trailblazing expedition team that summited Everest in 1963.

Amber Carrigan, The Mountaineers' Development Director, was happy to report that at the end of the night over \$345,000 had been raised. This exceeded the \$330,000 goal. Once the employer matching funds are counted, the estimated total will be close to \$375,000. This year's gala was the most successful in Mountaineer history.

Check out The Mountaineers' gala recap to learn more and see photos from the event.



Everett Branch Open House

Featuring a Special Talk on Public Lands Advocacy | Wed, May 2 The public and all Mountaineers are invited to attend the Everett Mountaineers' monthly get together. Join us at 7pm in the <u>Snohomish County PUD</u> building to learn more about our 112 year-old organization and get plugged into our outdoor community.

Katherine Hollis, The Mountaineers' Conservation & Advocacy Director, will discuss <u>current</u> <u>issues</u> like the future of our national monuments and protecting the Methow Valley from industrial-scale mining claims. Find out what you can do to make a difference.

Everett Program Center Committee Created

On March 18, the Everett Branch Executive Committee approved a motion creating a Program Center Committee to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Mountaineers Program Center in Snohomish County. The impetus for the committee is <u>Vision 2022</u>, the Mountaineers' new five year strategic plan. One of the plan's priorities is enhancing our organization's leadership role in outdoor education by creating program centers in Bellevue, Everett, and/or Olympia. The committee will develop the requirements for a center, formulate building proposals, evaluate construction approaches, review and revise timelines, and recommend a final proposal to the Branch Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Matt Vadnal, the Branch Representative on the Board of Directors, at <u>matthewvadnal@aol.com</u>.



Courses

Intermediate Glacier Climbing | Jun 5 - Oct 1

This course will introduce you to steeper snow and glacier routes, and provide the skills for planning and executing an intermediate-level glacier climb.

Intermediate Alpine Ice | Jul 24 - Aug 4

This course prepares students to travel safely on moderate to steep alpine ice.

Trail Maintenance Crew Leader Class | May 12

Learn the techniques, tools, and safety tips to help steward our trails. This is a great way to get introduced to the rewards of trail maintenance, while also exploring Lord Hill Regional Park, which features 1,453 acres wilderness.

Self Rescue I | Sep 20 - Mar 10

This is a seminar-based course, with the goal of facilitating practice and learning of selfrescue skills by providing scenarios for the participants to work through.

Self Rescue II | Nov 8 - Mar 10

This is the second component of our self-rescue curriculum. We'll build on the concepts we introduced in Self Rescue I.

Activities

Alpine Scramble - Union Peak

Sat, May 5 Easy, Leader Permission Required

Sea Kayaking - Saddlebag Island

Sat, May 12 Easy, Leader Permission Required Stewardship - Lord Hill Park Sat, May 12 Moderate, No Prerequisites

Alpine Scramble - Lichtenberg <u>Mountain</u> Sat, May 26 Moderate, Prerequisites

As always, you can check out all Everett Mountaineers activities <u>online</u> and also sign up for activities across <u>all branches</u>.

Future Submissions

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.

If you have an item for an upcoming enewsletter, email it to <u>newsletter@everettmountaineers.org</u> by the 25th of the month. Please include the following:

- 1. Title
- 2. Date
- 3. Web link to corresponding mountaineers.org listing
- 4. Short Description
- 5. Photo if you'd like (this is not required)

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