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FOOTHILLS NEWS

monthly e-news for Mountaineers

Hello Foothills Mountaineers!

We hope everyone is staying healthy and happy. We know these last few months have been tough on everyone, but we're happy to say that The Mountaineers is looking forward to reopening. The Mountaineers will allow small groups to resume Mountaineers trips and programs during Phases 1.5 and 2, beginning June 6. During these phases, all activities will be required to follow specific safety guidance and adhere to public health recommendations. All participants must agree to the [COVID-19 Code of Conduct](#) before participating in an in-person Mountaineers program during the Washington State phased restrictions.

Check The Mountaineers [COVID-19 Response](#) page for the latest updates on re-opening plans. Once you're out on the trails again, please follow these tips to stay safe and [recreate responsibly](#).



Virtual Events, Courses, & Seminars

All activities, courses, clinics, and seminars are subject to change and can be cancelled or rescheduled at any time. Please stay up-to-date by visiting our website or reaching out to the appropriate leader.

[Long-Distance Backpacking Seminar](#) | **Jun 11**

Ready to take your backpacking adventures up a notch and go the distance? Join 2018 and 2019 PCT thru-hiker and avid PNW hiker/backpacker Kathleen Neves for an evening of learning the ins and outs of long-distance backpacking in this online class.

[BeWild with Brendan Leonard](#) | **Jun 18**

Rescheduled event from March 12, 2020. Brendan Leonard bought the url semi-rad.com for \$29 in 2011, intending to write a weekly post about adventure for a year and see what happened. Almost nine years later, his writings on Semi-Rad.com are read by half a million people each year. Come listen to Brendan's stories of outdoor adventure and funny musings on the outdoor community in this virtual zoom event.

[Walking the Wild](#) | **Jun 24**

Experience the Grand Canyon with Dick Lambe! Mountaineer Dick Lambe has backpacked the Grand Canyon five times and will share stories, photos, and tips to help you plan your own trip during this online event.

[Backpack with your Kids Seminar](#) | **Jun 26**

This online course is for parents with some backpacking experience who want to take their children (little ones to teenagers) backpacking. Learn about planning, gear, tips and tricks, and more.

[Backpackers' Pajama Party](#) | **Friday evenings**

Don your onesie and slippers, grab a favorite beverage and some popcorn, and join your fellow backpackers to learn about the best backpacking routes in our fine state!

Cancellations

[Wilderness First Aid](#) | **Jun 20-21**

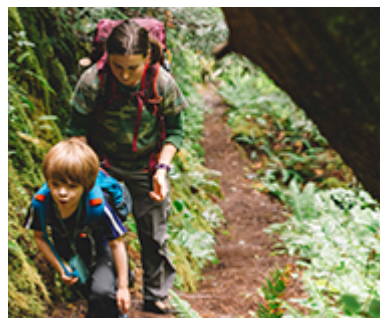
Join Branch Leadership as Branch Chair!

The Foothills Branch is seeking a Chair-Elect to join our team this spring! This position is part of a three-year term; the new Chair-Elect would begin ASAP and transition to a one-year term as Branch Chair on November 1, with active support and mentoring throughout. The Foothills Branch is a vibrant and fast-growing community of members and volunteers on the east side of Lake Washington. The ideal candidate for the Chair-Elect position loves to work with and support dynamic teams to deliver great programs, is committed to recruiting, is skilled in developing and rewarding volunteers, is motivated to support collaboration among committees

within the branch and across the club, and is passionate for The Mountaineers mission and supporting our volunteers. If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you! Read the full [position description](#) and contact Cheryl Talbert at cascadehiker12@gmail.com to find out more!

Three Ways You Can Help The Mountaineers

The COVID-19 outbreak [has had a significant impact](#) on The Mountaineers. All money received during this time is supporting general operations so we can continue offering creative programming and be ready to help you get back into the outdoors again as soon as it's safe to do so. Together, we can get through this, and we thank you for any help you can provide.



Renew or Join

With your ongoing support, we will weather this storm and come back stronger than ever. Use code ME20TOGETHER through June 30 to get 20% off when you join or renew your membership. Already renewed? Contact info@mountaineers.org to take advantage of this deal and we'll extend your membership to 2022.

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