

18:28:41 From Regina Robinson : Michelle, can you send me a write up for the Eblast and photo of the participans.

19:02:14 From Elyse Verstelle : Do you need to complete all the prereq trainings/trips with a single branch?

19:05:32 From Steve Payne : Elyse, great question -- you should check with the branch hiking/backpacking committee for your branch, but generally, yes, it's one club with many branches, so it shouldn't matter which branch you complete the prereqs.

19:06:30 From Steve Payne : here's a resource for reaching out to the right people:  
<https://www.mountaineers.org/@@chair-roster>

19:06:50 From Regina Robinson : Your son rocks, I remember him from class and our mushroom hunt.

19:13:35 From Will Tooker : whether leading a hike or backpack trio: is it the leaders responsibility to verify the attendees have the 10 essentials and or enough food and fluids?

19:16:27 From Regina Robinson : Thaler wetlands is great for a lot of folks. Those waterfall hikes are amazing.

19:16:57 From Amy Myrtue Nelson : Would they be good for small children?

19:17:39 From Steve Payne : Will, it's more critical for a backpack, but for dayhikes I tend to recommend how much water/electrolytes to bring, and just remind folks to bring the 10 Essentials with a link to the list. No pack checks! ;-)

19:17:49 From Regina Robinson : WHOOHOO

19:18:22 From Regina Robinson : Amy Thaler wetlands is a great trail for kids.

19:18:28 From Regina Robinson : So is Naches Peak Loop

19:18:38 From Will Tooker : Thank you Steve. I'd rather not be Big Brother, but such is the mantle of leadership! ha ha!

19:18:46 From Ginger Sarver : There would be great for kids.

19:19:10 From Ginger Sarver : Theler. Darn auto correct!

19:21:30 From Amy Myrtue Nelson : Can you see participants activities?

19:22:01 From Steve Payne : amy, with a leader badge, yes, you can see their entire activity history

19:27:55 From Regina Robinson : Dee Ann will we have access to the slides?

19:32:00 From Steve Payne : party separation = euphemism for potty break

19:35:43 From Amy Myrtue Nelson : Are walkie talkies standard for every hike or just a preference of the hike leader?

19:36:10 From Becky Andrade : I don't carry them but I do know of a few hike leaders who like to.

19:36:47 From Regina Robinson : Walkie talkies are essential especially in splitting a group.

19:38:07 From brian : Would you recommend digging a group trench toilet to ensure everyone goes to the bathroom in a good site at proper depth?

Monty: Digging through the ground in backcountry is often difficult (rocks, roots, debris)  
I recommend sticking to individual catholes.

19:48:39 From Regina Robinson : Green mt is a great hike! We also used to mt bike up there too.

20:00:58 From Eveline Mueller-Graf : Is carpooling still allowed?

20:01:54 From Olympia Branch : Club recommends carpooling only with family members at this time

20:14:13 From Regina Robinson : That is what we did on Lake Ingalls trail, super steep areas and very narrow spots. Turning the back was easier than breathing heavy in people's faces.

20:18:38 From Terri Pressly : A common decision is to go an extra mile to a view point. We were encouraged to have people turn backs to us and vote, if anyone says no we don't extend. We don't want to let the herd dictate to someone not feeling like the extra mile.

20:19:19 From Regina Robinson : Good idea Terri.