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Subject: Gear Workshop (2/4 or 2/11) - Mountaineers Alpine Scramble Course

Greetings everyone -

As promised, we're here to check-in and share details about the upcoming Gear Workshop, for the Seattle Alpine Scramble Course.

The cadence of the course is set up to introduce and instruct skills via "workshops" followed by practice via "field trips". The first workshop (gear) is coming up and there are a few things you need to know beforehand –

There are two gear workshops! Please only attend one (and be sure it's the one you registered for).

You should be signed up for ONE workshop on either Tuesday, February 4th or Tuesday, February 11th; not both. As excited as we are to get to know you, we want to be sure everyone gets a chance to attend and that we have enough volunteer resources to support the effort.

The workshop starts at 6:30pm

Please plan on arriving a few minutes early, if you can.

The workshop is at The Mountaineers Program Center: 7700 Sand Point Way, Seattle.

We have a lot of material to share and want to make the most of everyone's valuable time.

Agenda & Expectations

- **Come say "hi" and sign-in** when you arrive! We'll reward you with a smile and a BINGO card.
- **Visit the ice axe table.** We will have a collection of ice axes in varying sizes alongside a group of instructors who will help you determine the correct length for you! Ice axe length is critical and we want to be sure you find one that is the right size.
 - Note: if you are unable to get to the workshop on-time, be sure to get measured at the break or before you leave.
- **Visit the mountaineering boot table.** We will have a collection of boots too! We ask in-advance that you forgive the smell – a number of these have been worn well. We will be sharing a wide range of mountaineering boots used by instructors in the room so that you can see examples of what we consider to be acceptable for scrambling.

- **Take a seat, get settled and introduce yourself to your neighbor!**

The gear workshop is divided into three sections:

1. **Course Overview & Administrative Information** – a quick presentation, to make sure we all have the same expectations for the course at-large and understand the requirements to complete the course successfully.
2. **Interactive Gear Discussion - Expo Style** - Instructors will be stationed around the room with their gear on-display. They will be sharing everything they bring on a scramble and welcome conversations of pros and cons to various options available. **Be sure to ask questions and visit at least 3 tables (if not all) to catch a variety of gear, styles and preferences.** You will also have an opportunity to ask questions about any gear you have. ***Note:** while not required, we invite you to bring the gear you already have – that way you can ask questions or get feedback. Still don't have much by way of gear? TOTALLY OK – this workshop and subsequent gear night are to help you understand what you need before you buy anything.*
3. **Registration & Course Logistics** - due to the nature of our course structure and website nuances, we have staggered registration. There will be a table with instructors available to answer any questions you may have, following the presentation.

One last note: have you registered for Navigation?? If not, go do that!! Also, the entire workshop is indoors!! Street clothes and shoes are perfectly acceptable.

On behalf of everyone volunteering throughout the course (*our Committee, our Leaders and our Instructors*), we're really looking forward to meeting you all at the workshop!

Audience: All Participants (Waitlisted)

From: Scrambling.Seattle@gmail.com shared Inbox

Greetings waitlisters! For those of you on the Seattle Alpine Scramble waitlist, please know we generally see a few registered participants drop the course and waitlisters subsequently offered to join. As such, we wanted you to be aware of our Gear Workshops, upcoming - if you're free and available to attend one, we welcome you to join us to be aware of all that the course entails.

While we cannot guarantee you a position in this year's course, in the event there are any cancellations before April we want you to be prepared and welcome to participate. There are other branches offering this course as well -- if you're really heartset on becoming a scrambler, [please consider registering](#) for one of their courses and cancelling from ours. Additionally, worth knowing - Wilderness Navigation and First Aid are requirements; in the event you do not take the Scramble Course this year, each of those courses will be a benefit to your future Mountaineers courses.

Let us know if you have any questions; otherwise we hope to see you soon.