

Tacoma Alpine Scramble Committee Meeting July 11, 2018

Agenda Items: **BOLD** Discussion/consensus from meeting *italics*

Formalize the scramble committee –

- *Co-Leader for 2019 Dave Schultz, Co- Leader Allan Maas (to train and support)*
- *Records – Alison Fent (update student records/database online, utilize website to its full capabilities for easy access from all committee members, take notes at committee meetings)*
- *Field Trip Leader Coordinator – Allan Maas (recruit leaders and help, too)*
- *Lecture Lead (evolving idea)*

Evaluate results of 2018 class to structure upcoming 2019 class effectively - what worked, what didn't.

- **Class size**
 - *Ideal class size to be determined, Allan says 30 is manageable, allow a couple more since they drop out early, Seattle predicting more of their students heading here, need to evaluate field trip site size limits including instructors*
 - *Discussion - web site limits causing students to be put on wait list, field trip site might not have same limit*
 - *Consensus - If special use permit doesn't cover class size, split the trip into a Sat/Sun trip*
 - *Consensus - all participants must manage their own activity registration on the website, teach students at first lecture*
 - *Consensus - Our leader records for the activity will mirror what is listed on the Website Nobody participates unless listed on web roster*
- **Lecture time best practices / testing 10E and knots**
 - *Consensus - Lecture with time for small group hands on practice very effective*
 - *Discussion - Test Knots and 10 Essentials in class instead of Rock 1? Test at several to gain input from different instructors? Combine Knots and 10E into one station to more closely match time required at other stations?*
- **Continued use of Little Si for Rock 2**
 - *Consensus - Work with website, verify actual size limits on public land and make web sign up match?*
 - *Discussed conditioning in general with Mike having done most of them in the past Expand definition/thinking of what equals a conditioner, not just Mt. Si? Hike and climb leaders can list a qualifying conditioner share the scramble weight/time expectations with that trip leader?*
 - *Scheduling issues with multiple chapters going on the same day? Mt Si*
- **How much help do we provide students at Snow 2**
 - *Strictness of the test time itself, no coaching? – make expectation clear to students and leaders (can apply to all test situations)*
 - *Discussion on ice axe arrest/more opportunities for practice Options mentioned – practice Sat of FT2, test on Sunday Set up practice hill and a test hill, students need to be aware of getting too fatigued*
 - *Consensus – have ice axe arrest optional trip between Snow 1 and 2*
- **Student record book/yellow book at all events (like in basic climbing)**
 - *Discussion - Useful to maintaining online record keeping Field trip instructors will have uniform guide, check list for scoring progress - stress field trip leader notification during the evaluation period if it appears someone is failing*
- **Review written test**
 - *Discussion – clarify tricky questions, helps leader get feedback on commonly missed topics, holds students accountable*

- **Potluck, Scramble grad evening in the fall. Independent from climbing event. Design hat, buff, or shirt**
 - *Krys Beard will design and research a Tacoma Alpine Scrambling buff or other swag, cost to be taken from committee budget, useful for leader recognition along with gift certificates*
 - *Recruit committee for graduation night logistics, potluck kitchen work, setup, cleanup, etc.*
 - *Discussion - a family event and include students who have yet to graduate, reach out to previous year graduates to build comradery*
 - *Dave will reserve Clubhouse date*
- What is the committee budget?
 - *Need co-chairs to approve expense requests*
- **Define a path to become a scramble leader, perhaps have a clinic or class.**
 - *Discussion - Foothills offers a leadership class once a year currently*
 - *Idea - encourage more leaders by reimbursing tuition to First Aid class after leading 3 trips*
- **The climbing committee has 2 questions for us. (Natalia, represented basic climb committee at this meeting)**
 - **“We would like scrambles committee to have a clearly defined and documented policy on when and how scrambles are led by climb leaders who are not scramble leaders.”**
 - *Discussion – clearly available on the web, build in terrain classification/expectations, discussed scramble student not trained on crampons as example*
 - *Scramble leaders may have more practice with navigation skills*
 - **“We would like scrambles committee to have a clearly and documented pathway for climb leaders to become a scrambles leader-something we can all agree on that is reasonable-and then a commitment from scrambles committee to follow that process”**
 - *Discussion - transparent process requested, possibly mentored scrambles, application*
 - *Consensus – Margot, Royce, Natalia agreed to research steps to develop a process,*