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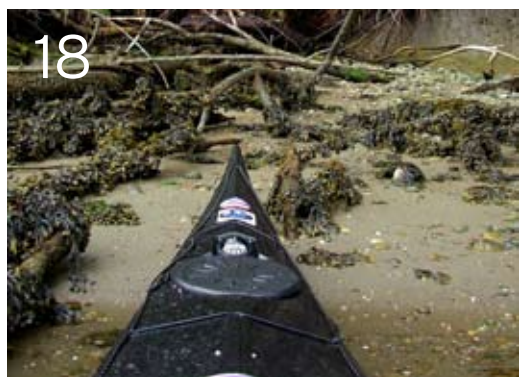
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some to restore
Best spring
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If you are thinking of joining—or have joined and aren't sure where to start—why not attend an information meeting? Check the Branching Out section of the magazine (pg, 31) for times and locations for each of our seven branches.

On our cover: The Enchantments by Charles Lozner. The location of our last magazine's cover photo? The summit of Del Campo.)

Building on our momentum!

As most readers know, April was a pivotal month for The Mountaineers. On April 1, we began operating as a 501(c)(3) organization, and you made it happen, voting in record numbers and 99 percent in favor of this change. This is a historic and empowering event for our 105-year-old organization and represents an important shift, not only in how we operate but also in how we think about giving.

The Mountaineers has long operated for charitable and educational purposes by offering thousands of trips, books and courses on outdoor recreation and conservation to our members as well as the greater public. Many of you serve as volunteer leaders giving freely of your time to teach responsible recreation so that others can build a personal, even spiritual, connection with the places where they recreate.

By sharing your passion for the outdoors, you are creating a commitment in others to the special places that must exist for that connection to continue. Operating as a 501(c)(3) expands our capacity to support our services, trips and classes by making it easier to raise vital funds from foundations, corporations and most importantly, individuals, including those reading this magazine today. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Earlier this year, we revamped our magazine, newsletter and email communications to better serve you, our members and volunteer leaders. We've reorganized staff and leadership to better serve our mission, and we are reaching out to our branches to ensure we are meeting needs of our regional groups. The Mountaineers Program Center is now a hub for recreation and conservation interests, attracting the public with its climbing walls both inside and out (see page 11). The building is full nearly every night with classes, seminars and events. Some say The Mountaineers Program Center may now be the premier training facility in the country!

But let's not stop there! We're on a roll as we forge new programs and courses that teach responsible recreation skills and cultivate stewards of our public lands. We are introducing more beginners and families to the outdoors, developing better programs to bring outdoor skills to underserved youth, and creating advanced seminars for the more experienced outdoors person. Through emerging partnerships with the Boy Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, regional parks and other youth-serving organizations, we are working hard to introduce more youth to the outdoors. We are taking our programs, members and partnerships to the next level.

YOU play a key role! Continue your support of this growing momentum by signing up and getting educated. Continue volunteering to help OTHERS pursue education and training. Give a gift. Yes, please give a gift to The Mountaineers and know how much your time, talents and treasures are ALL appreciated. You are a part of this change in momentum.

In this month's *Mountaineer*, you will discover some of the new fundraising programs we are launching. Consider giving to one of the challenges now underway.

In the future you'll learn more about other initiatives, corporate matching gift programs, and the best steps for including The Mountaineers in your will/estate plans. But, trust me, the main focus will remain on all the things you appreciate most about The Mountaineers: 700 volunteers offering more than 2,000 courses/activities to you, our 10,000 members.

I was touched recently when The Mountaineers received a \$2 donation from a 7-year-old boy who expressed his desire to give back to the organization where he has so much fun. His gift is simple, which makes it so inspiring. No amount is too small or inconsequential.

We appreciate your commitment... your time... your dedication... join us in giving a contribution. No matter how big or small, every gift counts.



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Martinique Grigg, Executive Director



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A 'Hike of the Week?'

I love the new magazine. Very nice. I had couple thoughts on some things to add to it.

First of all, I think there can be a "Hike of the Week" section. It can have a hiking, snowshoeing, climbing or scrambling destination.

Second, maybe a page for photos submitted by us, the readers.

Or you guys can have monthly photo contests with a theme for each month and feature the top photos in the magazine. I think they would be fu.

Chris Pribbernow, Foothills

Smooches to web team

I just joined as a member a couple of months ago and attended a couple of your open houses and informational meetings. The volunteers are so awesome and enthusiastic about their particular field! Their enthusiasm got me thinking about doing more activities.

I am a wanna-be outdoors person (growing up in New York City with one tree per block does not foster a love for adventure in the great outdoors).

But I have to be honest with you. Over the last couple of

months I have tried and tried to get connected with activities on the website and that became very discouraging.

Now! Yahoo! And wheeeeeeee! The new website is so user friendly and easy to navigate. Please, please give my wholehearted thanks to the folks who were responsible for the dramatic change in the website! A couple of smooches probably wouldn't hurt them either :)

Jackie DeLaCruz, Seattle

Likes seeing all events

My first impressions of the website cleanup are that it's great!

I like being able to hit a link and have all the activities come up—by branch and in total. It looks to me as if that is what we need to be doing to fully engage folks once they find the website. It needs to be easy and it looks as if that's what you've accomplished. Thank you for all your efforts.

Amy Mann, Tacoma

Great new look!

Just wanted to say what a great new look the *Mountaineer* has! Love it and so happy to see it. A real pleasure to read. Thank you all.

Nikki Milonas, Seattle

i'mwhere?

Can you identify the summit in the foreground here? Send your answer (by June 1) by post or e-mail: brads@mountaineers.org; I'm Where?, The Mountaineer, 7700 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115. If you guess correctly, you'll receive a \$15 coupon good for Mountaineers purchases, and we'll publish your name in next month's column. (In case of a tie, one winner will be chosen at random.) Club employees or persons shown in the photograph are not eligible. Each month we'll publish a new mystery landmark and identification of the previous one.



- **Send your photographs** for possible publication as a mystery summit (include identification for our benefit). See e-mail and mailing address at left. If we use your photo, you will receive a \$15 Mountaineers coupon good for Mountaineers purchases.
- **More than a dozen named the March/April peak**, but Margie Vogel was the name drawn from a field of 10 who guessed Gobbler's Knob, as photographed by Glen Strachan.

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As equipment coordinator for the expedition, it was my responsibility to supervise competitive field tests of equipment from all manufacturers. The purchase order we sent you tells how the tests came out. Every member of the expedition (57 men in all, including the Sherpas) was equipped with your goose down parkas, sleepings bags, pants, underwear and mitts exactly as illustrated and described in your catalog.

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Stewarding Our Public Lands



Asgard Pass above Colchuck Lake

Mountaineers Conservation Priorities

By Sarah Krueger Conservation Manager

Publicly-owned forests, mountains, and shorelines are the staging grounds for over 2,500 Mountaineers courses, trips, and activities each year. Our members recreate, volunteer, study and teach on a patchwork of lands managed by state, federal and local agencies.

In January 2011, The Mountaineers adopted **five core priorities** for conservation and recreational access programs, and advocacy centered on our unique role as stewards of public lands.

As citizens of the public lands system, we are not only qualified, but **obligated** to be involved in the management and protection of our public lands for future generations.

These priorities define where The Mountaineers will focus staff and volunteer resources to further our **mission** of helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest.

1. Environmental Literacy

Inspire, engage, inform

Environmental literacy encompasses awareness and knowledge of the environment—the foundation for all informed policy action and individual action. The Mountaineers continues a long tradition of programs and courses that connect the public to the natural world and cultivate responsible outdoor citizens.

2. Wilderness Protection

Protect wild, intact ecosystems

Wilderness is the stage for true backcountry experience, but more importantly, expansive and undeveloped landscapes are vital for wildlife habitat, clean water, and healthy forests. By preserving wild, intact lands we preserve the defining features, flora and fauna of the Pacific Northwest and provide the ability for future generations to explore the untamed natural world.

3. Responsible Recreational Access

Preserve connections to healthy landscapes

The Mountaineers works with land managers to steward recreational infrastructure for a range of human-powered activities, including trails, climbing routes and water access. In circumstances where access conflicts with other conservation objectives, The Mountaineers adopts the position that provides the best-possible result for the long-term viability of the resource. The Mountaineers also weighs in on access permits and fees collected for public use.

4. Low-Impact Recreation

Prevent and respond to backcountry recreation impacts

The Mountaineers trains recreationists, outdoor leaders and youth in the best practices for low-impact recreation. We work alongside land managers to identify and restore backcountry areas and access routes that bear the impacts of recreational use.

5. Accountable Land Management

Advocate for responsible administration of public lands

Land managers and policy makers recognize The Mountaineers as a reputable and responsible stakeholder with a boots-on-the-ground perspective into the policies and practices that affect our public lands. Through policy advocacy, training and issue education, The Mountaineers will continue to be vigilant champions for responsible rule-making and advocates for accountable management of public lands.



Annik Wolfe photo

Giving it up for trails on June 24



By Sarah Krueger
Conservation Manager

Thousands of boots will hit trails across the country on June 24, National Trails Day. Established by the American Hiking Society, National Trails Day encourages people to learn about and celebrate trails while participating in hikes, clinics and trail work parties each year on the first Saturday of June. This year The Mountaineers joins the celebration with activities throughout the state.

Both the **Everett** and **Olympia** branches of The Mountaineers will host annual trail work parties on June 4. Everett will work in the Lord Hill Regional Park in Snohomish and Olympia will host its annual work party on the Church Creek Trail in the southern Olympics. (See the Go Guide under “Conservation” for details.)

Trail work may include trail clearing, removing fallen trees, brushing and some tread repair to areas damaged by erosion. Backcountry trail maintenance requires your Ten Essentials, water, lunch, work boots (hiking boots are great), long pants, long-sleeve shirt

and work gloves (leather or other durable material). Some tools may be required, contact leaders for details.

Trail lovers itching for an excuse to experience spring in the **Methow Valley** can head up to the National Trails Day festivities at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop. Participants are invited to spend the night Friday, June 3, at Sun Mountain Lodge (reduced rates offered for members participating in National Trails Day) or enjoy nearby camping and lodging.

On Saturday, June 4, participants will enjoy a breakfast reception and then choose from a range of activities for the day—from guided hikes with The Mountaineers to children’s activities or trail stewardship with Methow Valley Sport Trails Association. Following an evening reception, Don Portman will present “Great Day Hikes in the North Cascades.” For information, visit mountaineers.org or contact Sarah Krueger, conservation manager, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course

June 25-26, Ingalls Creek Trail

Member: \$75, Non-member: \$100

Spend a weekend learning how to lessen your impact on the backcountry while backpacking the Ingalls Creek Trail in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The Mountaineers’ Leave No Trace Trainer Course offers intensive training on the principles and practices of teaching low-impact recreation skills to adults and children. Participants gain a comprehensive overview of Leave No Trace (LNT) through direct experience in the field where they also learn to develop and execute LNT lessons. Whether a trip leader, formal educator or a curious recreationist, everyone will have something to learn and share. (See the Go Guide under “Conservation” for sign-up info). For more details, contact Sarah Krueger, conservation manager, sarahk@mountaineers.org. Stay tuned for more Trainer Courses, including a teen-oriented course, later this year.

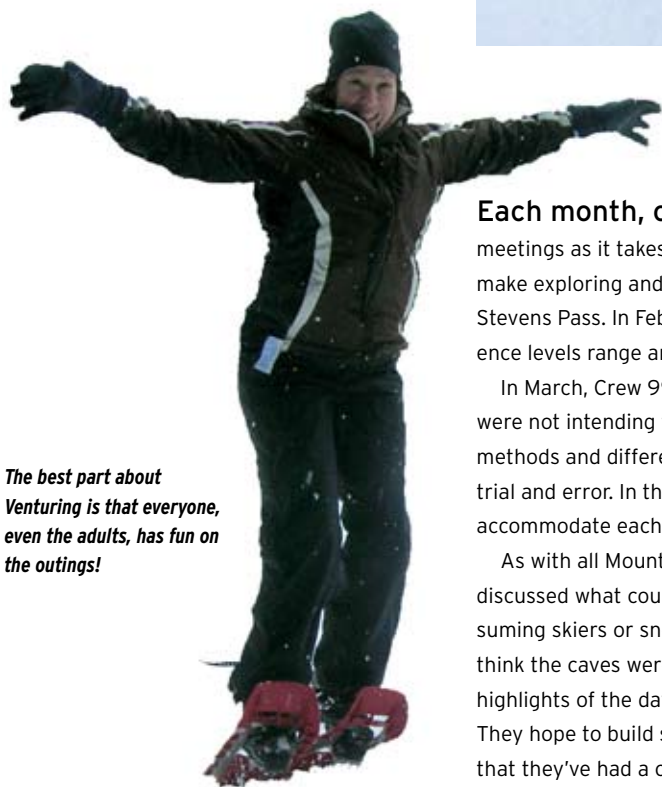
Venturing

Preparing the next generation of Mountaineers

By **Becca Polglase**
Education Manager



Venture Crew: a snowshoe trip at Stevens Pass



The best part about Venturing is that everyone, even the adults, has fun on the outings!

Each month, our **Venture Crew 99** commits to at least one outing, and as many meetings as it takes to prepare for that outing. Why? Because they love the outdoors enough to make exploring and learning in the outdoors a priority. In January, they took a snowshoe trip to Stevens Pass. In February, they went cross-country skiing. In true Mountaineers fashion, experience levels range among the participants, allowing the experienced to teach the inexperienced.

In March, Crew 99 again visited Stevens Pass—this time to build snow caves. Because they were not intending to sleep in them, they had an opportunity to be creative, trying different methods and different designs. While it's great to “do it by the book,” we all learn more through trial and error. In the end, each snow cave had a suitable common area and a sleeping area to accommodate each youth . . . and one of the adults!

As with all Mountaineers activities, part of the experience included “leave no trace.” The crew discussed what could happen if the snow caves were left intact, including the hazard of unsuspecting skiers or snowshoers being injured by falling into a cave, or those who may mistakenly think the caves were intended for an overnight stay. So, destroying the caves was one of the highlights of the day. The crew was proud of the fact that each cave was difficult to destroy. They hope to build snow caves for overnight camping next year, now that they've had a chance to experiment with digging caves.

In April, the Venture Crew practiced mountaineering snow skills, including ice-ax arrest, crampon travel and kicking snow steps under the expert tutelage of Seattle Climbing Committee volunteer extraordinaire, Mark Scheffer. In June, the crew will climb Unicorn Peak, again under Mark's skillful leadership.

Crew 99 is in the process of finalizing its outing schedule for the rest of the year and into 2012. Those between the ages of 14 and 18 who would like to join our crew, or those adults who would love to share their passion for a specific outdoor pursuit, can contact beccap@mountaineers.org. Crew 99 always welcomes new members, and is always grateful for volunteers who can teach important skills.



Expanding our reach: education, recreation, conservation



“Thank you for having me at The Mountaineers. I learned a lot today. Some of the things I learned are going to be listed on this paper. One thing that I learned was that it takes a long time to decompose things. Especially the can holder. It takes one hundred years! I also learned that rock climbing is hard. Not those small ones at local parks. The ones you guys have are much harder. I didn’t know that you had to wear a harness! I thought it was a choice. I hope I get to go back!”

These are words from one of the participants in The Mountaineers youth outreach programs. In 2011, The Mountaineers is striving to connect more people in more of the communities we serve to the outdoors. Through programs like HARK and Salmon Safari, our volunteers are reaching out to new youth communities that might otherwise not have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

Those who’ve been long-time members of The Mountaineers know that volunteerism is an integral part of Mountaineers’ culture and show their commitment to giving back through the many hours they spend teaching others, developing curriculum, serving

on committees, and introducing youth to the outdoors.

The Mountaineers is uniquely equipped to teach kids about the outdoors. Our volunteers have not just high levels of technical training, but years and sometimes decades of experi-

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—Outreach program participant

ence putting their training to use. Each has a personal relationship with the outdoors and has had life-changing experiences through their outdoor pursuits. Our volunteers are passionate about passing this on to others because they want to help others fall in love

with the outdoors, and because they want to expand the culture of protecting the places we love. In this spirit, each of our youth programs teach important skills, inspire a love for the outdoors through wonder and achievement, and educate participants about the importance of caring for our natural resources.

Coming this spring, volunteers at our Olympia Branch will continue providing programs for our friends at Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Pierce County. Volunteers at our Kitsap Branch will take kids into the outdoors whose life situations make it difficult to get outside. Volunteers at our Seattle Branch will work with fifth graders from John Muir Elementary School and youth from Hope Place Youth Shelter, as well as youth groups from local YMCAs.

We are excited to be able to partner with so many youth-serving organizations and to lend our experience and passion for the outdoors to so many youth communities. And we are proud to have so many volunteers committed to this important aspect of The Mountaineers.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Becca Polglase, education manager, beccap@mountaineers.org.



Geoff George and Jessica Todd kick the tires of the new drytool wall, christened in early April

New climbing wall stirs the 'mix'

Only weeks ago, a casual observer might have been frightened to descend into the dank sepulchre of The Mountaineers Program Center—the basement that once served as a navy motorpool garage. More ropes than one could find on a gallows dangled from the walls and ceiling. Hooks, holds and bolts dotted oddly angled overhangs.

Was this the work of a demented mind? Perhaps a torture chamber that would tickle the fancies of a Vincent Price or Wes Craven? Or was it merely an Escher wannabe waxing architectural expression?

Unknown to the casual observer, the collaborative and industrious work is the result of a Mountaineers vision quest, one birthed as far back as 2005

when a committee was formed to explore the options of moving The Mountaineers headquarters from Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood.

"The drytooling wall (and bouldering project) is yet another step toward the Magnuson Instructional Vision," says Seattle Branch Climbing Chair Gene Yore. This vision for the new program center included

construction of instructional amenities so that "every mountaineering and climbing skill" could be taught and practiced, notes Yore.

The vision also called for a lighter impact on the environment. By providing a one-stop facility for practicing every skill needed in technical alpine travel, The Mountaineers is not sending battalions of vehicles and their passengers to already popular forests and peaks, nor is it choking the sky with more auto emissions.

And the vision included a safer learning environment. "The controlled conditions lower the risk of accidents while learning," says Yore, one of some 30 volunteers who worked on the project day, night and sometimes during the wee hours of morning. And, the absence of inclement weather makes it easier to focus on learning and teaching climbing skills. It also allows for shorter and more repetitive sessions, Yore adds, resulting in better time management for all.

Yore and the crew are especially proud of the money saved. Their career skills and donated time—more than 821 hours—avoided the need to hire a structural engineer; they already had one in volunteer Jeff Brink. Project specialist John Wick, who works at Boeing, managed the effort and acquired materials. Climber and carpenter extraordinaire Geoff George, accompa-

Continued on page 12

- 30-plus volunteers
- 18 'official' work parties
- 821 hours volunteered
- 33 sheets of plywood
- 2,376 tee nuts; 7,128 screws
- 13 jugs of coffee
- 46 large Zeek's pizzas

Next step for climbing facilities: basalt columns (continued from page 11)

nied by a cast of dozens, gave the design shape and functionality.

John Ohlson could be found painting and filling walls at hours only the ghoulish might otherwise be about. (Speaking of John, have you heard about what he and his family are doing to ensure we get our new basalt columns this spring? See the ad on page 14 to learn more.)

In the end, the basement is a sight that even tickles climbers outside of The Mountaineers community, evidenced by a post on the Cascade Climbers website that was accompanied by a link to a video of opening night on the drytool wall. The post opined that it appears The Mountaineers "is looking to do more aggressive classes . . . I believe I am excited about joining the club."

Yore says, "The drytooling wall is definitely beyond basic, but it's possible for a climber with only basic skills to kick the tires and try it—and maybe catch the mixed-climbing bug."

The basement facility is also being used for the Aid & Big Wall Course, Crag Course, bouldering and probably other classes and seminars as it becomes more widely discovered.

The next step for the Magnuson Vision is a project that will transplant and erect basalt columns near the entry to the program center. The columns will enable instruction in leading on real rock with real protective devices (pro), preparing climbers before heading to the crags for their first real pitch.

And, as in drytool-wall fashion, The Mountaineers climbing community has spared the organization substantial expense through fundraising and volunteer support. But this—not to mention the vision for friction slabs and splitter cracks—is a story to be told later. ▲▲

NEW CRACK COURSE OFFERING: AMPE—Advance Multi-Pitch Efficiency—will offer a week of intensive crack and slab climbing at the world-class crag of Squamish in British Columbia from July 23 to July 30. Participants will have an opportunity to climb crack and slab pitches in the 5.8-5.10+ range as well as 6 to 17 pitch routes. Applications are now being accepted at the Seattle Branch climbing website. For more, contact the course leader, Loni Uchytel, LoniUchytel@msn.com.



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Tom Miller, alpine literary giant

One of the pioneers of Mountaineers publishing efforts, Thomas W. Miller died March 21, 2011, in Seattle.

His book, "The North Cascades," played a vital role in the creation of the North Cascades National Park in 1964. Mac Bates wrote in a classic in its own right, "Cascade Voices," that Miller's black-and-white photos—unlike color photos and their softening effect on mountain images—got to "the essence of the rugged range: rock and snow, jagged ridgelines against billowing clouds, cold, wild and off the map."

Tom also served, along with his wife, Nancy, as a member of the original editorial committee for "Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills," first published in 1960.

Tom also championed other Mountaineers literary projects, including the start of the "100 Hikes" series that featured the literary contributions of fellow Mountaineers Harving Manning and Ira Spring. He also designed and chose the photo images for the book, "The Alpine Lakes," which like his "North Cascades" book played a pivotal role in preservation—this time the creation of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area.

Though humble and self-effacing about his climbing skills—often calling himself a "second-rate regional climber," Tom's climbs included a first ascent of Johannesburg's Northeast Buttress route in the North Cascades in 1949 and Mt. Cook in Alaska in 1953.

He completed the second Ptarmigan Traverse (see "Backtracks" on page 15) and new routes on Formidable as well as Torment in the North Cascades. Miller was invited on the 1956 International Everest Expedition, but he reluctantly turned down the invitation as his engineering career intensified.

A Seattle native who celebrated his fiftieth anniversary with his wife last year, Tom worked for Boeing for nearly 40 years as a chief engineer and project manager for many of the company's seminal military projects. He retired as aerospace vice president from Boeing in 1990.

Tom joined The Mountaineers in 1948 and shortly after took the basic and intermediate climbing courses. He earned his Six Peaks Pin and Snoqualmie Second Ten.

Tom's zeal for the outdoors and the mountains drew him to far-off places such as Europe, India, New Zealand, Alaska and Mexico.

Known by friends and fellow climbers for his reserved nature and self-deprecating humor, Tom was revered by the mountaineering community.

Mountaineer and ski historian Lowell Skoog recalled his wedding gift from two friends—the hard-to-find "North Cascades" book. Upon joining The Mountaineers History Committee, Lowell got to know Tom, who was committee secretary at the time. "Having the opportunity to chat with Tom every other month at the History Committee's meetings was a huge incentive for me to become involved with the committee. Eventually I got up the nerve to ask him to sign my book."

Fellow alpine photographer John Scurlock counts the book as "one of the reasons I came to live in the Skagit, and I know I'm not alone." He spoke of Tom's death: "Truly, the passing of a giant."

George Sainsbury, mountain rescuer

An inspiration to many in the mountaineering community and a fixture in the history of Seattle Mountain Rescue, George Sainsbury died March 13, 2011 in Bakersfield, California.

His desire to help injured and distressed climbers was spurred by his own fall during a climb on Mount Rainier's Kautz Glacier where he spent 22 hours inside a crevasse. He soon after joined Seattle Mountain Rescue, for which he later served as chair, and became a charter member of Olympic Mountain Rescue.

A native of Washington, he also served on the board for the American Alpine Club and received that organization's Angelo Heilprin Citation in 1997 for his work in preventing mountaineering accidents in Washington State.

George also worked for a decade with the Boy Scouts of America as district executive for the Chief Seattle Council. He later served as council executive for the Olympic Area Council. Another decade was devoted to the Girl Scouts of USA where he served on the national staff as financial adviser for Region 11.

For 17 years, he and his wife, Mary Jane, lived on their 40-foot trawler, *Noatak*, and explored the waters of Southeast Alaska and British Columbia. George was also a member of the Queen City Yacht Club and the Stillaguamish Country Club.

Earlena 'Mickie' Lewark

A friend to not only Mountaineers but many in the state's hospitality business, Earlena 'Mickie' Lewark, died Saturday, Feb. 26, after an extended bout with cancer. She was 76.

Known especially to those who held special occasions at The Mountaineers building when it was located in the Queen Anne neighborhood of Seattle, Mickie worked for 22 years as Mountaineers catering and reservations manager. Before that, she worked for nearly a decade with Holiday Inn.

Born in Douglass, Kansas, Mickie enjoyed helping The Mountaineers and outdoors community in any way she could during the many events she coordinated at Mountaineers headquarters. She delighted in her family, her hobby of painting, her garden, and keeping The Mountaineers offices green and leafy as well. She loved to travel, read, watch movies and bowl—her skills highly recruited by local bowling teams.

Services for Mickie were held March 4 at Bonney Watson Funeral Home in the SeaTac area of Seattle.

Dick Holze, hike leader

Dick Henry Holze, a Mountaineers hike leader for many Midweeks Hiking trips in the 1990s, died on March 11, 2011 at the age of 79. A Nebraska native, he loved Seattle and its natural surroundings.

Joining The Mountaineers in 1989, Dick loved to travel, whether it was during his teaching career as a professor in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Thailand, or as a trekker in Nepal.

After teaching he worked for Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles and then Boeing where he retired after 23 years of service.

retiredrovers

If you hear a friendly banter in the woods and a laugh or two from a group that sounds like it revels in hiking at its own pace, you just might be sharing the trail with one of the most venerable cadres of The Mountaineers—the Retired Rovers.

Easy-paced trips with generous doses of friendly conversation are what make up the calendar of activities for this Seattle-based group whose nucleus for fun starts at its second-Tuesday-of-the-month meetings. Always informative, featuring an interesting educational program after lunch, the meetings allow the Rovers to talk about upcoming events, eat and stay in touch with friends – old and new.

Most Retired Rovers are experienced, longtime members of The Mountaineers who may have come from The Mountaineers' climbing, scrambling, backpacking, hiking or folk dancing communities—Mountaineers who especially enjoy the social dynamic of staying active.

Anyone who would like to join Retired Rovers events is welcome. Activities range from easy-paced day hikes or city walking tours to the annual August picnics at Woodland Park and a week at one of The Mountaineers lodges each summer.

You can check them out with an activity search at www.mountaineers.org.



The Rovers in their gleeful entirety

Some roving on the horizon:

May 10, Tuesday - Monthly brown bag lunch, meeting and program. 11 a.m. at The Mountaineers Program Center. Mountaineer Barbara Rieman will share photos of her 2002 visit to the beautiful, secretive country of Burma (Myanmar).

May 17, Tuesday - Tiger Mountain Botany Walk. An easy-paced three miles with little elevation gain and lots of spring flowers in the Tradition Lake area.

June 14, Tuesday - Monthly meeting features hiking guidebook author Craig Romano.

June 20, Monday - Volunteer Park/Capitol Hill Mansions walking tour. For those who want the bird's eye view, climb the Volunteer Park water tower.

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"What is South of Cascade Pass Anyway?"

By Lowell Skoog

Excerpted from alpenglow.com

The expedition that put the Ptarmigan Traverse on the mountaineering world's map

The Ptarmigan Traverse is the oldest and most famous high route in the Northwest. The first crossing of this route, in July of 1938 by four members of the Ptarmigan Climbing Club, has become a standard in Northwest mountaineering folklore. Over thirteen days, Calder Bressler, Bill Cox, Ray Clough and Tom Myers pioneered the entire crest route from Dome Peak to Cascade Pass and made many first ascents. Yet the Ptarmigans, who were soon afterward scattered by World War II, never published their story.

For many years, how they made their journey and what they saw remained a mystery.

In 1953 five climbers, Dale Cole, Bob Grant, Mike Hane, Erick Karlsson and Tom Miller, calling themselves the "What is South of Cascade Pass Anyway?" Expedition, set aside two weeks in September to explore this "mysterious, legendary maze." They traversed from Cascade Pass to Dome Peak, reversing the direction taken by the Ptarmigans, and recorded their journey in *The Mountaineer* in 1953.

More significantly, Tom Miller returned with dozens of fine black and white photographs of the glaciers, lakes, and crags along the route. Ten years later, as conservationists fought for a North Cascades National Park, Miller lent his pictures from the Ptarmigan Traverse and several other trips to *The Mountaineers*. A book of his photographs, "The North Cascades," was published in 1964.

The book was a success. Not only did it help establish the National Park in 1968, it inspired a generation of Northwest climbers. It was



Chad Beeman photo

The Ptarmigan Traverse today: a must on most any alpine traveler's list

the first picture book to showcase the peaks and glaciers of the North Cascades from a climber's perspective.

While the Ptarmigans in 1938 made their traverse a campfire legend, the 1953 party and "The North Cascades" made it a classic. Printed only once, the book soon became hard to find. Young climbers who started exploring the North Cascades in the 1970s, before modern guidebooks were available, jealously thumbed through the book in their friends' collections or on library shelves.

Photographer James Martin, who published his own collection of pictures in the 1999 book, "North Cascades Crest" (Sasquatch Books), wrote:

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From the author:

In 2003, I got the idea of commemorating the 50th anniversary of Tom Miller's 1953 Ptarmigan Traverse. (Tom's trip and photos, reproduced in "The North Cascades," were without a doubt what put the Ptarmigan Traverse on the world mountaineering map.) Tom introduced me to his son, Brian, and I invited Brian on the trip, documented in the adjacent story (from *Alpenglow*, an online narrative of Northwest skiing history).

—Lowell Skoog

For more about the late Tom Miller's life, see page 13



Chad Beeman photo

Along the traverse: looking slightly southwest toward Mount Formidable's north face

"I remembered a shot from Cache Col . . . a black-and-white photo of three crew-cut young men sorting food in the morning sun . . . From the cloistered gloom of my high school library, these young men seemed like gods, American versions of legendary alpinists Bonatti and Buhl. I prayed I would someday have the fortitude to follow in their footsteps."

My own experience was similar. One of my climbing mentors showed me the book in the mid-1970s and for years I hoped to find a copy of my own. Two friends gave my wife and me a copy as a wedding present and we have cherished it ever since. In the years since I first saw the book, I've crossed the Ptarmigan Traverse several times on foot and by ski.

The summer of 2003 was the driest in over a century in the Northwest, and one of the warmest as well. From the Alps, reports of record heat and disintegrating glaciers brought worldwide attention to the effects of global warming. Reading these stories, I recalled that 2003 was the fiftieth anniversary of the 1953 Ptarmigan Traverse by Tom Miller and his friends. I nurtured a desire to retrace the route and see what changes had occurred in fifty years, especially to the glaciers. Tom Miller graciously provided me with xerox copies of the pictures he took on his trip, including photos never published. Phil Fortier and Matt Peters, two avid photographers, agreed to join me. Finally Tom Miller's son Brian joined us at the last moment. Brian is a strong and active

climber, but had never done the traverse before. Together, we made a very compatible party.

We planned our trip over Labor Day weekend. The 1953 party also started on Labor Day, packing 150 pounds of food to sustain the five men for fifteen days. Dropped off at the end of the Cascade River road, they would have to find their way home by hitchhiking. They hiked to Cascade Pass the first day, then continued over Cache Col to Kool-Aid Lake on day two and climbed Hurry-up Peak.

We carried lightweight gear such as Gore-Tex tents, aluminum crampons and freeze-dried food and packed for only five days. Thanks to our lighter loads, we reached Kool-Aid Lake and Hurry-up Peak in a single day. I doubt that our faster pace reflected any weakness in Tom Miller's group. Had our places been exchanged, they probably would have hiked circles around us.

On our second day we traversed from Kool-Aid Lake to Red Ledge, where we encountered a snowpatch that required donning crampons. This began a ritual repeated many times during the trip--stopping to put on crampons to cross hard, late-season snow, often just a few hundred feet wide. We roped up on the Middle Cascade Glacier and climbed to Spider-Formidable Col, where we had a fine view of Sentinel Peak and Le Conte Glacier.

It seemed fitting that Brian Miller should pose for my camera on the

rocks of Spider Col as I tried to recreate one of my favorite pictures from his father's book. I found it impossible to frame the background scenery through the col exactly as in the 1953 photo, probably because the glacier where I was standing had become thinner. A step-ladder would have been necessary to duplicate the shot.

Tom Miller's party camped just south of the col and climbed Spider Mountain and Mount Formidable the next day. We chose to leave the rotten rock of Spider for another day, and climbed Mount Formidable enroute to a camp at Yang Yang Lakes, which were named by the 1953 group. Again we compressed two of our predecessors' travel days into one.

At Yang Yang Lakes we met another party of two, friends we knew from Seattle, who had hiked all the way from the Cascade River road that day without climbing any peaks. This was the surest sign of change since 1953. Historically, the first three parties to cross the traverse spanned almost twenty years. Today, more than twenty parties may make the trip in a single summer. Meadows along the route are crossed by a well defined path. Campsites are also well established, especially near the lakes. Fortunately, the campsites are clean and travellers have made an effort to tread lightly upon the land.

The next morning we climbed through bluffs to the ridgeline below Le Conte Mountain, which offered a panorama worthy of a scene in *The Sound of Music*. We dropped our backpacks and scrambled up Le Conte. Here we saw the most dramatic change from 1953. The South Cascade Glacier, which occupies a hanging valley below the peak, has shrunk to a shadow of its former self. Our view of the scene was marred by smoke from forest fires burning at both ends of the Ptarmigan Traverse. My photos from Le Conte were disappointing due to the smoke. A few years later Tim Ragan sent me a photo taken from the same location in 2005 in perfect weather. His photo provides a much better comparison against Tom Miller's 1953 shot.

The only advantage the 1953 party had over the original Ptarmigans was the knowledge that a route existed between Cascade Pass and Dome peak, if they could find it. Immediately south of Le Conte Mountain, they crossed the divide hoping for an easy descent to the South Cascade Glacier. Instead they spent several tense hours "on the steep till of an old lateral moraine, cutting steps in hard-baked clay, clinging to boulders and pebbles imbedded more or less firmly in the slope, and contemplating the result of a fall, which would surely result in a dirty death by abrasion." As compensation, when they reached the head of the glacier they discovered three beautiful lakes to the south, which they named White Rock Lakes. The next day they climbed back up to the glacier with light packs and climbed Sentinel and Old Guard Peaks.

With the benefit of guidebooks and the accumulated knowledge of a generation of climbers, we avoided the unpleasant descent to the South Cascade Glacier, staying east of the crest until Le Conte Glacier and then crossing to the South Cascade next to Sentinel Peak. We dropped our packs and climbed Sentinel as we rounded its west flank, then continued to White Rock Lakes for our third camp.

From White Rock Lakes the 1953 party traversed to the west portion of Dana Glacier, climbed Spire Point, then continued to a camp below the SW summit of Dome Peak. They spent two days climbing Dome and several unclimbed peaks nearby. With less time available we chose Dome Peak as our last summit and debated whether to reach it from the lakes by a direct route through Dana-Dome Col or the conventional route past Spire Point and across the west flank from Itswoot Ridge. We settled on the latter route, both to shorten our final day and to avoid hard ice between the two Dana Glacier segments, which could be unpleasant with aluminum crampons.

We crossed Spire Col to Itswoot Ridge and set up camp on the ridge around noon. Then we scrambled with light packs across the slopes west of Dome Peak and up the Dome Glacier to the summit. From the top we could see fires burning on a shoulder above Sulphur Creek and sending smoke over Sinister Peak and the Chickamin Glacier. To the north, another fire on the slopes of Johannesburg Mountain pumped smoke into the sky until it condensed in a billowing cloud of white vapor and sent a smokey banner across the Cascades to eastern Washington.

After returning to our camp on Itswoot Ridge, we cooked supper and watched the sunset bathe Dome and Glacier Peaks in golden light. I'd brought a story about the original Ptarmigans and read it to the group by headlamp as the alpenglow faded to starlight. Our fifth and final day required simply a long walk down the Bachelor and Downey Creek trails to our car.

In 1953, the end of the traverse was not so easy. No trail existed in Bachelor Creek in those days, so Cole and Hane, who had to leave early, bushwacked out Sulphur Creek to the Suitttle River, the shortest route to civilization. Grant, Karlsson and Miller packed east over Dome Peak to the Chickamin Glacier and down to Blue Lake below Agnes Peak. After a day of rain, they descended Icy Creek and the West Fork of Agnes Creek to the Stehekin River. Karlsson advised future parties against this route, but offered: "If anyone is interested in obtaining information on hanging valleys, waterfalls, slide alder, whip willow, and the latest beaver dam projects on the West Fork, we will be glad to inform him on such matters."

Despite this struggle, Miller, Karlsson and friends soon forgot about the hardships and savored the rewards of the traverse. "There are not enough adjectives in the English language to describe the wonderful country we saw," wrote Karlsson. "We most heartily invite you to make a trip into this area." In the years since their historic trip, hundreds of climbers have followed in their footsteps. Let us hope that in another fifty years the Ptarmigan Traverse will not be too much different than it was in 1953 ▲▲



Miller at 'Freedom's' fiftieth birthday

Where springtime is the right time



Want to zero in on a mellow day for a nice one-way float under the Tacoma Narrows Bridge? Try Saturday, May 28

To everything
there is a season;
these five paddles
serve testament

Article and photos by Henry Romer

Twice a day, a bulge in the Pacific Ocean arrives at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Responding to Earth's gravity it surges eastward. At Foulweather Bluff, Hood Canal and Puget Sound each take their share of this flood. Moving through bays and narrows, covering exposed tidelands and creeping up barnacled headlands, the saltwater continues until tagging up at Deer Creek at the end of Oakland Bay and at Union River at the end of Hood Canal's Big Bend. By this time the Pacific bulge has moved on, replaced by a hollow as the water reverses its flow. The cycle continues, ever varying, driven by the rotation of the planet and its orbital dance with the moon and the sun.

Man has untangled the rhythm of this dance, reducing it to beats in a 19-year, mathematical cycle and has made its chart available to anyone with access to a tide and current table, the internet or applications running on the digital device of choice. But to sea kayak in Puget Sound is still very much to live with and celebrate the movements of this dance.

The Earth's travel around the Sun, while a minor element in the tidal dance, gives us seasons and with the lengthening days in the Northern Hemisphere—spring. In May and June we start to see more days with sun than rain. At sea level, leaves are out, flowers are blooming and paddlers who have parked their boats for the dark of winter are ready to venture out again.

Selected here are five Western Washington weekend kayak trips that match spring tidal and current rhythms with the irresistible urge to paddle this time of year. As a bonus, most of them follow quite wild, scenic shorelines.

The character of our dynamic saltwater environment is that for a given location, some particular tide and current days will be most favorable and conversely for a particular date, given its tides and currents, some locations will be the best choice for paddling. Add to this calculus the vagaries of weather, and even fewer choices often exist. The suggestions here have been picked to offer good paddling, given decent weather. All the trips are suitable for closed cockpit kayaks with adequate flotation. Make sure your paddling skills, stamina and equipment match the trip demands.

Pickering Passage

Pickering Passage separates Harstine Island in South Puget Sound from the Mason County mainland. Currents in the Passage flow the other way from what you might expect. The ebb

flows north and the flood south. The craft is to pick a day when you can launch, ride the ebb current to lunch and then ride the flood home. May 15 is good example. Launch at Latimer Landing by the Harstine bridge and plan for lunch at Jarrell Cove. The morning low tide will drain the water from the inlets on the Mason County side, but an afternoon high tide may allow inlet exploration after lunch. Stick to the scenic, wild Harstine Island side in the morning.

Sea Kayak Rating (skill level): II. Easy, protected water

Distance: 9 nm. An easy distance with current assistance

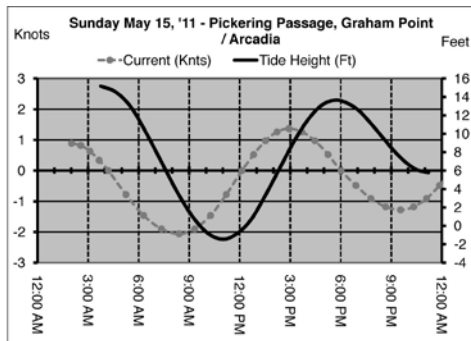
Best Tide: Midday low. Timing must provide favorable currents

Best Current: Morning ebb and afternoon flood—try to get current assistance in both directions

Launch: Latimer Landing

Good to Know: Snack spot—Jarrell Cove Marina picnic area; walk up to the store for ice cream

How to get there: Take US 101 north or south to Shelton. Exit at the southernmost Shelton exit, signed for SR 3 to Belfair and Bremerton. Continue through Shelton and turn east on SR 3 towards Bremerton. In 7.8 miles turn right on E. Pickering Road, signed to Jarrell Cove State Park. Just before the bridge to Harstine Island, exit left to the launch ramp and parking



Dabob Bay and Fisherman Harbor

These bays, tucked around a corner of Hood Canal, are a good place to explore on an afternoon high tide. June 25 this year is a good example. On this day, moderately high tide hangs around into the

afternoon allowing you to explore a tiny inlet at the south end of Tonados Peninsula. From the launch site head south to the point or cross right away to the Tonados shoreline. Head south around the end of the peninsula to the tiny entrance of quiet, obscure Fisherman Harbor.

Sea Kayak Rating (skill level): III. Rating is set by crossing distances and exposed fetch from the south

Distance: 16 nm. Distance can be shortened as desired

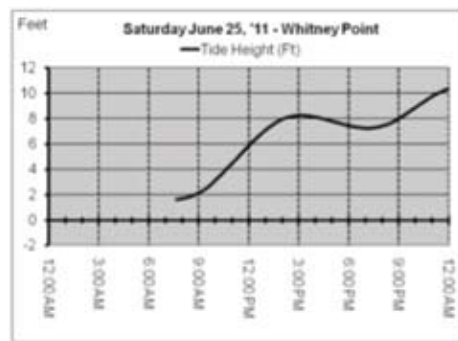
Best Tide: High midday or afternoon. There is more inlet to explore in Fisherman Harbor with a higher tide

Best Current: There are no real current issues for this trip

Launch: Whitney Point

Good to Know: Public Shoreline. Limited to DNR lands at Broad Spit and tip of Bolton Peninsula

How to get there: Take US 101 north from Shelton or south from the Hood Canal Bridge. To launch at Whitney Point, turn off US 101 at Bee Mill Rd. and follow signs to Whitney Point. Launch from the beach beside the boat ramp

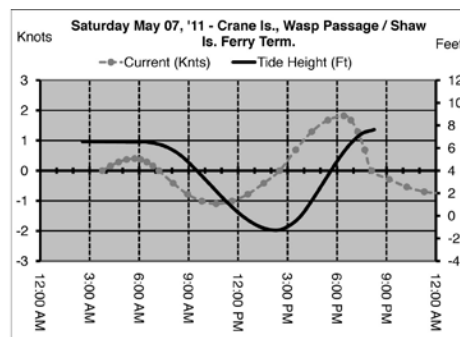


Yellow Island

The Yellow Island Nature Conservancy site in the San Juan Islands is a good place to marvel at the spring flowers. Pick a time that has a mild tidal exchange to minimize any

currents that might present challenges on the way out and back from the island. The weekend of May 7 and 8 is a good example. While the flowers will not be as showy as earlier in the year, they are still worth visiting.

Sea Kayak Rating (skill level): III. Rating is set by crossing distances and exposed fetch from the south and west



About the author

Henry Romer joined the Olympia Branch of The Mountaineers in 1976 to take the Basic Climbing Course.

After decades of climbing and backpacking in the Northwest, he was bit hard by the sea kayaking bug—paddling with the Tacoma Branch before starting an Olympia Branch sea kayak program and its Basic Sea Kayaking Course.



He is best known as a practitioner and advocate of Greenland-style paddling, and is certified as an ACA instructor and a BCU coach. His paddle adventures have ranged from New Zealand to Greenland. He can often be found teaching at kayak symposiums and clinics in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

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Distance: 6 nm. Can be extended with side trips

Best Tide: Minimum difference between high and low

Best Current: Small predicted current in Wasp Passage. Watch for stronger currents at Pole Pass

Launch: Deer Harbor, Orcas Island. Limited free parking and launch at day-use area or fee parking and launch at Marina

Good to Know: Conservancy rules; check Nature Conservancy website. Limits on landings and party size. Having lunch on island is prohibited

How to get there: On Orcas Island head north from the ferry terminal. Take a left on Deer Harbor Rd. and follow it into Deer Harbor. There is a small day-use parking area and launch spot just north of the Deer Harbor Marina. Alternatively pay parking and fee launch is available at the marina

Tacoma Narrows

Paddling the Tacoma

Narrows is always spectacular. On high current days, and especially with the addition of wind, the Narrows have very dynamic water in mid channel and near the bridge

piers. Leave this stuff to very advanced paddlers. Pick a more mellow day for a nice one-way float trip under the bridges - Saturday, May 28 for example. From Owen Beach head left to the point. Keep generally along the Pierce County (East) shore of the Narrows to avoid rough water, current eddies and boat traffic. Here is an opportunity for good shuttle planning as well.

Sea Kayak Rating (skill level): III+. South winds in the Narrows will build bigger waves with a flood current

Distance: 11 nm. Can shorten or extend with different destinations

Best Tide: Morning low tide timing will provide favorable currents

Best Current: Mild midday flood current. Higher current days mean less paddling but potentially rougher water

Launch: Owen Beach—launch from park beach

Land: Sunnyside Beach; \$5 parking fee at park

Good to Know: Watch for a lingering ebb back-eddy south of Point Defiance

How to get there: Owen Beach is in Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. Take S-16 from I-5 and exit at Pearl Street. Take Pearl Street all the

way to the Park. Sunnyside Beach is north of Steilacoom on Chambers Creek Road. Take Dupont-Steilacoom Highway north from I-5, Exit 119

Mayfield Reservoir

Just for good measure, here is a freshwater trip with no tidal issues. Paddle up Mayfield Reservoir in Lewis County into the Cowlitz River Gorge below Mossyrock Dam. At about 5 miles from the launch you enter the river gorge. Go as far as you like, or as far as the river current lets you. Avoid the dam discharges at the upper end of the gorge.

Sea Kayak Rating (skill level): II+. Possible wind exposure at wider portions of reservoir

Distance: 14 nm. Can be shortened as desired

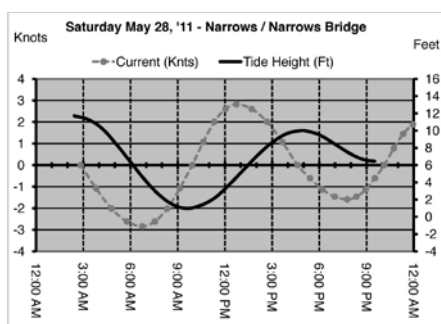
Best Tide: No tides

Best Current: Avoid days after heavy rains or large snowmelt

Launch: Ike Kinswa SP (free) or boat launch ramp (fee)

Good to Know: Much boat traffic, especially in narrow parts of gorge

How to get there: Take US 12 East from I-5 south of Chehalis. At Silver Creek, turn left on Silver Creek Rd. then right on Harmony Rd. (following SR 122). Follow signs to Ike Kinswa State Park. The boat launch comes first, before the bridge. Cross the bridge to get to the state park proper ▲▲



Stay together, travel safely

Sea kayaking is often a social activity. Traveling with a group can add a lot to your day. It is also a great way to be safe, but only when people stay together. Resist the temptation to fragment or let someone get too far ahead or behind.

Check the weather before you go, especially the weather that might be coming, in case you are late or it arrives earlier than forecast.

Know when to quit. Puget Sound has been here for thousands of years; you can always come back when it's nicer.

The water is still cold this time of year and the air temperature may not be up to full summer standards. Immersion protection is a good idea for three-season paddling. And bring something to put on at lunch, especially if there is any wind.

Use a chart. It's part of the Ten Essentials, but be sure to study it and not just take it along.

Wear your PFD and carry the rest of the Ten Essentials, as well as extra kayaking essentials. Know how to use them all. Bring along your rescue skills as well, just in case.

Leave a light environmental footprint when traveling. Watch, but don't disturb the wildlife you encounter.



Spring in the San Juans means splendid floral and landscape views, such as this one looking toward Mt. Baker from the south part of Lopez Island.

Outside the guidebook pages with trail king Craig Romano

By Emily White
Publicist, Mountaineers Books

Editor's note: Craig Romano gets around in the hills. He has to; he writes guidebooks that send thousands and thousands of hikers into the wilderness. They want to know where, when and how to find the destinations he highlights. And though they may want more than his guidebooks can offer, such as a campfire chat with Craig to really get some inside scoops on where to go and when, chances could be slim. Then again, you never know if you might bump into him while on the trail. Assuming you will not, the *Mountaineer* wishes to give you the next best thing—a Q and A with Craig about the trials and tribulations of guidebook research, his escape from a wildfire, and where to go to make the most of your backpacking adventures. Our chat with

Craig Romano photo



Two-thousand miles of research, and finally, a chance to sit down and write

Craig comes just as he gives hikers another essential hiking companion from Mountaineers Books, "Backpacking Washington: Overnight and Multi-Day Routes."

It's mid-June and the snowmelt is starting to stream down from the Cascades. Where to go for the first backpacking trip of the season?

The Olympic Coast and rainforest valleys such as the Enchanted Valley, Bogachiel and Hoh Valleys are all great early summer destinations. So too is the Elwha Valley, and you might even make it to Low Divide after a winter of light snowfall. If you want to head east, Horseshoe Basin in the far eastern reaches of the North Cascades is usually a good bet, and for true solitude and expansiveness, head to the Kettle Crest Range in the Columbia Highlands or the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in the Blue Mountains.

But it's 4:30 p.m. on Friday and I'm just now thinking about the weekend! Where can I go with a minimum of trip planning?

Yep—the Norse Peak Wilderness just to the east of Mount Rainier National Park, the Necklace Valley near Skykomish, and the Trapper Creek Wilderness near the Columbia River Gorge are all good for quick and logistically-easy getaways.

How about the best place to go with a significant other who's never done more than a day hike?

Horseshoe Basin in the Pasayten is definitely the place to take him or her. You start up at a high elevation and have breathtaking views at nearly every step. The main destination isn't very far, and there are lots of side-trips you can do from camp, like scrambling up wide-open 8,000-foot peaks. Indian Heaven Wilderness is another great choice: scores of lakes, inviting meadows, gentle terrain. Just don't take your

loved one there until after late summer, lest the region's legendary mosquito swarms wreak havoc on your relationship.

You were almost caught in a forest fire while researching "Backpacking Washington." Can you tell us about that?

Almost caught? I was caught in it! It was harrowing. It was while coming back from Spectacle Lake in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The "contained" fire had flared up and was jumping the trail; I had to run about a quarter-mile down the trail while tree crowns and brush combusted. It was surreal to say the least, and I felt like I was in one of those action-stopped films like "The Terminator." I ran like hell and prayed to God. It was a cathartic moment in my life.

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Klapatche Park in Mt. Rainier National Park

Craig Romano photo

Considering you're one of our favorite authors, we're certainly glad you made it out okay! Speaking of the unexpected, were there many wildlife run-ins during your guidebook research?

I encountered numerous bears—including 14 on just one trip to Lake La Crosse in Olympic National Park. And I saw my first cougar in the wild after finishing up a hike in the Blue Mountains.

People often don't realize how much work goes into a good guidebook these days. How many miles did you hike all together to come up with descriptions for 70 backpacking routes?

I put in over 1,500 miles researching "Backpacking Washington." As the crow flies, that's like walking from Seattle to Lubbock, Texas! Then there was my other new guidebook, "Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge," which I was working on at the same time. So add on another 800 miles or so of pounding trail for that book. I often logged 20-25 mile trips in one day and did 40 plus mile trips over two days.

2,300 miles! I hope you had a few cups of coffee along the way. Tea, instant coffee, or backcountry espresso—what's your pick?

Starbucks VIA is the best thing to happen to backpacking since lightweight gear!

We've heard rumors that you have a hiking cat named Giuseppe. Did he help you with any of the research?

Giuseppe, along with Scruffy Gray, are my two office assistants. I occasionally put Giuseppe, a half Maine Coon cat, on a harness and take him for walks—but we don't get too far. Giuseppe believes in stopping and smelling the roses . . . then perhaps eating them. My two furry buddies are great stress relievers but lousy typists.

As if two guidebooks in a year weren't enough, you're training for your first 50-mile endurance run right now. No smelling the roses for you just yet?

I figured that with nearly 14,000 miles of hiking under my belt in the last 20 years and over 20 years of being a runner that I should see if all that conditioning amounts to anything! That and I—gasp!--turn 50 this year, so I needed a big challenge to keep me focused on not getting old. I'll be running July 30 in the White River 50 near Crystal Mountain. I decided to make my endurance run a fundraiser for the Washington Trails Association too. I'm calling the event 50 for 50, and if you

want to help out the cause check out www.craigromano.com.

You've been a Mountaineers member for over 20 years. What does that membership mean for you?

I've been a Mountaineers member since 1990, which is when I moved to Washington. When I lived in Seattle it was easier for me to partake in club activities, but since I've relocated to the Skagit Valley I am much less involved. And I must admit my favorite hikes are trips just with my wife or maybe a good friend or two. But I strongly support The Mountaineers for its work to bring folks outdoors and advocating for the protection of our wild places. I plan on doing more talks at Mountaineers events, and I especially always enjoy visiting with the Retired Rovers (see more about the Rovers on page 14 of this magazine).

Brainteaser time! You've just been offered a job in your home state of New Hampshire that you can't resist. Before you leave the great big beautiful state of Washington, where's the last place that Craig Romano goes backpacking?

You mean I am finally getting a 200-year-old farmhouse on 200 acres of land next door to Ken Burns as part of my job benefits package?! Seriously, this is a tough question since I have hiked and backpacked all over Washington and I have many favorite areas—Mount Rainier National Park, Olympic National Park, Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Kettle River Range. If I really had to decide, High Divide in the Olympics and Image Lake in the Glacier Peak Wilderness would be the places I narrow it down to. Don't think I can decide between the two! ▲▲

About Craig Romano

Craig Romano is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker and cyclist. He is the author of "Best Hikes with Dogs Inland Northwest," "Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington's Last Frontier," as well as "Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula," "Day Hiking: North Cascades," "Day Hiking: Central Cascades," and the "Winter Hikes of Western Washington" card deck. He lives in Mt. Vernon with his wife, Heather, and their two aforementioned office assistants, Guiseppe and Scruffy Gray.

Two members who share a passion for mountains, family, community and the NEW Mountaineers Peak Society



Doug Walker

Rich Draves loves climbing mountains; so does his friend and fellow Mountaineer, Doug Walker.

They've each climbed peaks throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as around the world. While they often spend weekends climbing, they both give back to the community through their work with youth and families. They also appreciate preservation of significant lands like the Index Lower Town Wall.

Neither Doug nor Rich hold too tightly to their love for climbing though—they both share it with their friends, their children and young mountaineers they meet along the way.

Today, Doug and Rich chair The Mountaineers Peak Society. Rich, a longtime and very active member of The Mountaineers, serves on the Board of Directors, chairs The Mountaineers Youth and Family Committee, and has supported The Mountaineers for a long time. Doug volunteers with the Development Committee, the Youth and Family Committee, and the newly forming Advisory Council.

"There's an incredible sense of rejuvenation going on in The Mountaineers today. It's much more inclusive than it used to be," Walker stated during one of his recent visits to The Mountaineers Program Center in Seattle's Magnuson Park. "The Mountaineers plays a key role today...as an organization, it's a connector—a meeting place—for Northwest climbers and other outdoors people. I'm looking forward to being a part of its future growth."

Rich believes that the organization is poised to play a huge role in the Pacific Northwest. "As we begin our second hundred years of operation, there's new energy and excitement surrounding The Mountaineers. As an organization, we're perfectly poised to play a much bigger role in both conservation and education. That, plus NOW, we're a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which expands our potential for financial growth in so many ways—corporate and foundation support, estate giving, and gifts from families and individuals."

Both gentlemen invite you to step up your involvement with The Mountaineers and believe that now is a perfect time to do so. Rich and Doug have come together to challenge all climbers and outdoors enthusiasts to join The Mountaineers Peak Society. Give \$500 by September 30, and Draves and Walker will match your gift...and YOU become a member! Do you work for a matching gift company like Boeing, Microsoft or Expedia, to name a few? Give \$250, see that the match is made, and these two fine climbers will match your gift to welcome you in!

To join the Peak Society, go to www.mountaineers.org/donate and give to The Mountaineers Fund. If you'd like, you can break payments down but your gift must be paid in full by September 30. For more information, contact Laurie Ward, lauriew@mountaineers.org, or call her at 206-521-6004.

Take the Peak Society for a spin and see what you think. One year's membership is included if you choose to accept it.



Rich Draves

The Mountaineers Peak Society is made up of individuals and couples who choose to give \$1,000 (unrestricted) or more to The Mountaineers Fund. In exchange, The Mountaineers offers a few perks that members can choose from

Peak Society Co-Chairs Rich Draves and Doug Walker have an offer on the table...join now for \$500 (or just \$250 if your company matches) and they'll match your gift!

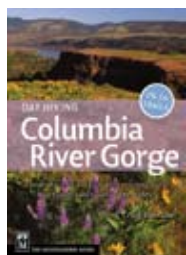
FOR MORE INFO about member benefits go to www.mountaineers.org/peaksociety or call The Mountaineers Development Office at 206-521-6004.

JOIN PEAK SOCIETY AND . . .

- Show your support of The Mountaineers in a significant way!
- Get a year's membership in The Mountaineers
- Join other Peak Society members for special outings and receptions
- Receive complimentary copies of new Mountaineers Books publications
- Receive preferred seating at the Banff Mountain Film Festival

Seeking the latest gear for the perfect summer of exploration?

Pick up a Mountaineers Book: the Eleventh Essential

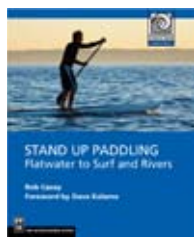


Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge, Craig Romano

The Columbia River Gorge offers hikers a multitude of beautiful trails, not to mention cascading waterfalls, spectacular views of the river and its windswept bluffs, and panoramas of surrounding landscapes and peaks. The latest in the Mountaineers Books Day Hiking series, this guidebook describes 100 treks with easy-to-read icons for waterfalls, views, dog-friendly trails, and more.

Backpacking Washington, Craig Romano

Describes 70 routes, ranging from the lush Olympic Coast to the Kettle Range, the Columbia Highlands, and beyond. With an emphasis on weekend trips, routes range from overnight to weeklong treks and include options for extending trips or choosing camp spots. Icons help pick family and dog-friendly hikes.

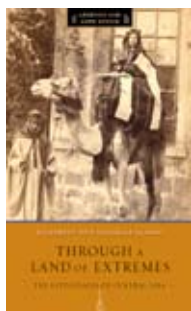


Stand Up Paddling, Rob Casey

Written by Ballard local and stand up paddling instructor Rob Casey, this latest addition to the Mountaineers Outdoor Expert series helps you choose the right gear and describes techniques for everything from Puget Sound flatwater forays to expedition planning and river surfing.

Fit By Nature, John Colver, with M. Nicole Nazzaro

No matter where you live, you can get fit and healthy in the great outdoors. With weekly charts and day-by-day descriptions, this Fit By Nature will help you push to a higher fitness level without ever having to step foot in a gym.



Through a Land of Extremes: The Littledales of Central Asia Elizabeth and Nicholas Clinch

What happens when a Victorian couple sets out on a 14-month journey to Tibet in 1895? This true account, drawn from historical archives and photographs, covers the adventures of St. George Littledale, and his wife Teresa, and gives a vivid taste for a bygone time of travel into unknown and uncharted territory.



Other titles out in time for summer include "Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," "Northwest Foraging: The Classic Guide to Edible Plants of the Pacific Northwest," "Fat of the Land: Adventures of a 21st Century Forager," "Rocky Mountain Flora," "100 Classic Hikes in Oregon," second edition, and "Best Hikes with Dogs Oregon," second edition.

All are available in stores now; and many titles can be found on the Kindle and other e-book platforms. Members receive a 20 percent discount when you buy at The Mountaineers Program Center Bookstore.

Regional author events for Craig Romano, Rob Casey, John Colver, Jennifer Hahn and Langdon Cook, among others, can be found at

www.mountaineersbooks.org.



BRAIDED RIVER



SKIPSTONE

Car camping: a bridge from city to trail

Ten tips to get
you and your
family started

By Kathleen Brammer

**CAMPING WITH
KIDS 101: Gather
at the Tacoma
Program Center of
The Mountaineers
on May 25. For
more, search
courses at [www.
mountaineers.org](http://www.mountaineers.org)**

Sometimes the leap from a walk in the city park to a wilderness trail can be a bit daunting, especially if you have kids. But don't be discouraged. There is a bridge between the city's natural landscape and that of the wild. It's called car camping.

Kathleen Brammer, a Mountaineers leader who will present a May 25 seminar in Tacoma for those who want to bring much more than the Ten Essentials into the woods, has offered ten tips for those planning a car camp for the first time.

1) Campsite There is a wide variety of places to camp. So where do you start? The web is a convenient place, mostly sites belonging to government land agencies such as www.recreation.gov, which offers places to camp in national parks and on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands. The Washington State Parks website, www.parks.wa.gov, is also a good place to start looking. When deciding where to camp, keep a few things in mind. Do you want to make a reservation or go for a first-come, first-served site? Are flush toilets a must or are pit toilets okay? Do you want shower facilities? Is a permit required? Be sure to note if drinking water is available so you will know whether you need to bring your own.

2) Tent Tents come in as many shapes and sizes as well, cars. Because you don't need to carry your tent long distances when car camping, weight isn't an issue as it is for backpacking. So feel free to get a tent that is comfortably ample and sized at least one to two people greater than the number of people who will be sleeping in the tent—in essence a three-person tent for two people, a four-person for three people, and so on.



Bring a plastic sheet of at least 3 to 4 mm thick—known as a footprint in backpacker speak—to put under the tent as a barrier to moisture from the ground. It also ensures the tent floor's longevity. Make sure the sheet or footprint is slightly smaller than the dimensions of the tent floor so that water running down the sides does not collect and form rivulets beneath the floor. Waking up in a wet sleeping bag is a good way to keep anyone from ever wanting to camp again.

Familiarize yourself with your gear *before* you get to the campground. Practice putting up your tent at home. Plan on getting to the campground early, while there is still plenty of daylight. Setting up camp is much easier when you can see what you are doing.

Invest in heavy-duty tent pegs; don't rely on the ones that come with your tent. Most of them will not

stand up to hard use. Bring a hammer to pound the tent pegs in and to quickly pull them out.

And finally, think about bringing an easy-to-set-up canopy. They are great for having a place to get out of the rain (especially over the picnic table) and they can provide shade.

3) Food Meals can be as elaborate or as simple as you want. You can save time in camp by preparing them at home and packing them in a cooler. Freezing foods ahead of time will extend their storage time in the car and at camp. Keep other items chilled to save on replenishing ice.

Have a dedicated bin to store eating and cooking utensils. That way your cooking gear is clean and ready to go for the next camping trip.

Never store any food in your tent! Store any food/coolers in your vehicle or other secure location to prevent animals from getting to it. Many campgrounds have specific rules about food

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North American Outing: California's Wilderness Coast

June 1-12, 2011

Backpack the spectacular Pacific Ocean Lost Coast-Kings Range-Sinkyone Wilderness (moderate, 52 mi., 7,000' gain). For itinerary, see www.mountaineers.org. Share costs. Limit 12. Reserve by May 1.

Leader: Craig Miller craigfmiller@comcast.net, 206-285-2399.

North American Outing: Wells Gray Hut-to-Hut Hiking

August 4-11, 2011

Join a hut-to-hut hiking adventure through the remote Cariboo Mountains of British Columbia's Wells Gray Provincial Park. Imagine seven days of spectacular alpine hiking with a light pack and enjoying the comforts of three wilderness chalets with catered meals and lots of wildlife viewing—one of BC's best hut-to-hut hiking adventures.

Cost: About \$1,240 (10-12 people); \$1,415 (8-9 people); \$1,490 (6-7 people). Deposit of \$250 each required with leader approval.

Leader: Linda Moore, aben-teuerbc@yahoo.com (preferred), 425-347-7650.

Hiking Italy's Dolomites

Aug. 25-Sept. 15, 2011



Shari Hogshead photo

The Dolomites of northern Italy—aka the “pale mounts” and renowned for their enrosadira sunsets when the mountains turn spectacular hues of pink—encompass some of the most beautiful hiking areas in the world. Green alpine meadows, stretching between charming village-studded valleys and craggy, awe-inspiring karst mountains, provide visual feasts in every direction. Walk an extensive network of well-maintained, inter-



California's wilderness coast: June 1-12

connected footpaths to interesting villages and well-placed rifugios (high mountain huts).

Cost: \$3,300; deposit of \$2,000 is required to reserve a spot after leader approval. Applications may be obtained by contacting leader.

Leaders: Shari Hogshead and Paul Gauthier, 425-957-4548, skimntr@aol.com.

Wales Coastal Hiking

Sept. 2-16, 2011

This trip offers the experience of hotel-based hiking for more than 100 miles of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path along the southern coast of Wales. Spend two weeks hiking through some of the most beautiful coastal scenery of Europe. Stay in hotels in Fishguard, St David's and Tenby, taking local transportation to hike portions of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path.

Cost: \$2,975 per person; deposit of \$2,975 to reserve a space.

Leaders: Bev Dahlin or Steve Johnson, bevandsteve@hotmail.com, 206-522-0113.

North American Outing: New England Fall Colors Hike

October 2-9, 2011

Trip preview: <http://gallery.me.com/mrbunz#100214>.

Have you ever seen the spectacular colors the maples paint on the landscape of New England? If not, join us as we hike, walk, paddle and take photos under the fall-color canopy of the ancient Appalachian range, among the oldest mountains on Earth. The Mountaineers Recreational Properties Division offers an eight-day expedition to the northern terminus of Maine's Appalachian Trail.

Cost: \$1099. Deposit: \$500; remainder by July 1.

Leader: Patti Polinsky, meanysports@me.com, 206-525-7464.

Wells Gray Adventures photo



Wells Gray Provincial Park: August 4-11

Nepal: Ultimate Mt. Everest Trek Plus

Oct. 11-Nov. 11, 2011



Craig Miller photo

This outing combines the world's highest mountain, Himalayan culture, an optional peak climb, and a remote valley. Our trek begins with a mountain flight to one of the world's most amazing airstrips—Lukla. A layover day at the famous Sherpa capital, Namche Bazaar, will allow us to experience the culture. At Tengboche Monastery, you can hear the Buddhist monks chant prayers and play music. Then we will hike to the Mt. Everest classic view and base camp. For a daily itinerary, visit www.mountaineers.org/activities/nepal_itin.html.

Cost: \$5,500 (11-12 people); \$6,000 (8-10 people); \$6,500 (5-7 people). \$2,000 deposit by March 1 with leader's approval. **Leader:** Craig Miller, craigfmiller@comcast.net, 206-285-2399.

Patagonia's Awesome Glaciers, Lakes, Parks

Feb. 18-March 8, 2012

Explore the spectacular scenery of national parks in Patagonia's northern and southern regions, including the volcanic terrain of Nahuel Huapi NP, the world-renowned Perito Moreno Glacier,



Glen Strachan photo



Patti Polinsky photo

Little Lyford Pond, Maine: October 2-9

Los Glaciers NP (Unesco World Heritage Area) in Argentina and Torres del Paine NP (International Biosphere Reserve) in Chile.

We'll hike near our base in San Carlos de Bariloche in the Lake District, known as the South American Switzerland, and then head for the Southern Patagonia parks for a mixture of trekking and day hikes.

At Los Glaciers, we'll trek to close-up views of Cerro Torre and the north and east faces of Monte Fitz Roy. In Torres del Paine NP, we'll follow the “W” trek and the “Traverse of the Horns.” We finish in the historic seaport town of Punta Arenas, Chile.

Cost: \$3,950 (8-12 people). \$2,000 deposit due at registration.

Leader: Glen Strachan, 425-869-8094, glenshgi@msn.com.

Wonderful Austria

March 1-18, 2012

Join a grand adventure in Zurich, Appenzell, Innsbruck, Munich and two weeks in Austria for winter walking, snowboarding and skiing: downhill, on- or off-piste or cross-country. The first week in Schruns, Austria, has expansive skiing on groomed and powder slopes. In the afternoon, after skiing, you will return to refreshments, the spa, a six-course dinner and live music. The second week will be in Lech, the highest valley of the largest ski area in Austria, St. Anton, with over 50 interconnected lifts for all levels of skiing on- and off-piste. Our small family-run hotel offers a wonderful breakfast buffet and elegant multicourse dinners after you have relaxed in its spa. As we start home we will stop in Innsbruck for lunch before arriving in Munich.

Cost: \$3,495 (12-16 people) \$1,000 deposit with registration.

Leader: Patti Polinsky, Meanysports@me.com, 206 525 7464.



The Linxweilers—two of The Mountaineers' newest Summit Society members

As children growing up in different parts of the country—he in Ohio and she in Texas—Eric and Pam Linxweiler each discovered a love of the outdoors and a romance with the mountains. Their parents took them on adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail, camping near lakes in the mountains, and fly fishing the streams of Idaho.

Through these experiences yet independent of one another, Eric and Pam established deep connections with the outdoors and a love of being outside. When they met this connection of being in the great outdoors was what bonded them together quickly and effortlessly. As they'll tell you, "We knew we were part of the natural fabric that came before us; we saw that in each other. It brought us together very naturally. And now with our three little ones today, it will assuredly continue on, after us, as well." Meet their children, Cap, Lauren and Whit, pictured below.

"When we met," says Eric, "one of our first shared loves was with the waters, the mountains and the amazing beauty of the Pacific Northwest. We started our lives together here ten years ago. We discovered The Mountaineers and quickly immersed ourselves in the culture of the courses

and activities. Now, thanks to The Mountaineers, we have three little Mountaineers who are learning to scramble and climb on their own."

Being outside is central in the Linxweiler household. Most weekends, the family finds themselves in the mountains, by some streams, on the trails or in the parks. Eric and Pam want their children's lives to have the same exposure and experiences that they too once had growing up in Ohio and Texas...but today, it's here in the great state of Washington.

For Cap, Lauren, and Whit, The Mountaineers is synonymous with fun, adventure, and friends. In fact, they



can name more Pacific Northwest mountains than TV shows (a small measure, but a good one). Just ask Cap when you meet him...then stand back. You'll be in for a treat.

THE SUMMIT SOCIETY is a growing group of individuals who have notified The Mountaineers of their plans to include the organization in their estates/wills. To learn more, go to www.mountaineers.org/summitsociety or call The Mountaineers Development Office, 206-521-6004.

Today, the Linxweilers are honoring their appreciation for both The Mountaineers and the outdoors in a very special way. They have included The Mountaineers in their estate plans. Eric and Pam have seen the impact The Mountaineers has had on their own lives, as well as the lives of Cap, Lauren and Whit, and view The Mountaineers as a critical cog in connecting people to the outdoors. They hold true to the belief that the love they both have for the mountains, a love they see in all three of their adorable children, will carry on to the next generation and the generation after that. Their estate gift to The Mountaineers helps to ensure that their love for the outdoors has a rippling out effect.

Eric and Pam are among the newest members of The Mountaineers Summit Society. Interested in honoring The Mountaineers by creating a similar story? Contact Laurie Ward, Director of Development and Communications for The Mountaineers, lauriew@mountaineers.org, 206-521-6004.

Going Wild on the Town



Want a breath of fresh air, but don't have time to drive to the mountains? Here are four urban areas to head to when nature calls—no, not that kind of nature call. (Adapted from "Nature in the City: Seattle," by Maria Dolan and Kathryn True (Mountaineers Books, 2003).

Ravenna Park and Creek

Where: North of the University District at NE 55th S. and NE Ravenna Blvd.

Info: (206) 684-4075; www.seattle.gov/parks

Disabled Access: Yes

Dogs: On leash

Why go? With only about a quarter-mile of wooded ravine, this small-yet-mightily diverse park is home to more than thirty species of birds and offers a quick escape for getting a walk through the trees, catching a pungent whiff of skunk cabbage along the creek, or even sighting some cutthroat trout. Less than two miles of trail total.

Interlaken Park: Making Natural History

Where: North Capitol Hill at the intersection of East Galer St. and 19th Ave. E.

Info: (206) 684-4075; www.seattle.gov/parks

Disabled Access: Yes (check website for details)

Dogs: On leash

Why go? Nestled between the rumpus of Capitol Hill and Montlake, this densely wooded area is a stunningly quiet and relaxing gem of the Olmsted Brothers' visionary "Emerald Necklace" of city parks. Head here for gentle forested hikes on paved and dirt trails, steep stair climbs, and a chance to chill out with pocket gophers, fluting thrushes, and the state's tallest redwood tree.

West Seattle Beach Chronicles

Where: Just south of Alki Point on Beach Drive SW and Alki Avenue SW (You can park near the intersection)

Info: (206) 684-4075; www.cityofseattle.net/parks

Disabled Access: Sidewalk

Dogs: On leash

Why go? Beach! Although it can be far busier with volleyball players and sunbathers than the above spaces, Alki Point more than makes up for the bustle by offering beachfront walks, osprey watching, and a chance to ponder our geological space as you check out signs of the Seattle Fault. It's just a short walk to uniquely different community parks such as Cormorant Cove Park, Weather Watch Park or Me-Kwa-Mooks Park (perfect for tide pooling!).

Bellevue: Wild Wetland in Mercer Slough

Where: South Bellevue

Info: (425) 452-2752; <http://cityofbellevue.org>

Disabled Access: Winter's House area and some trails accessible

Dogs: On leash

Why go? Less than a couple miles from Bellevue Square and in the shadow of I-90, Mercer Slough Nature Park offers 320 acres of lush, wild greenery. More than five miles of trails take you through deciduous woodlands, on footbridges over waterways, and give you the chance to spot everything from porcupines, red foxes, and green herons, oh my—making this one very incredible place to get your wild on. Check out water access and plan to bring a canoe the next time.



Mercer Slough, Bellevue

Kathy Biever photo



Some city cultivated wild

Kathy Biever photo

Looking to reach
these places
by transit or bike,
or maybe even go
farther afield?

Metro info for bike and bus: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bike>.

Looking to get winded?

seattlestairways.blogspot.com

Feeling a little more daring? Like

getting to a nearby rock climb by city bus? Listen to Ballard local Fitz Cahall's story at the Dirtbag Diaries: http://www.dirtbagdiaries.com/no_car_no_problem

Find "Nature in the City: Seattle"

and all 40 places to get into nature within the city limits at The Mountaineers Bookstore (20 percent discount for Mountaineers members)

And don't forget to leave no trace! (continued from page 25)

Good car-camp destinations

Mount Rainier National Park: Ohanapecosh The campground is located in the southeast corner of the park. Nearby are popular hikes to Silver Falls and the Grove of the Patriarchs.

Moran State Park on Orcas Island The state park hosts five freshwater lakes and over 30 miles of hiking trails.

Olympic National Park: Kalaloch Campground Open year-round.

Fort Worden State Park This is a 434-acre, multi-use park with over two miles of saltwater shoreline. The park rests on a high bluff overlooking Puget Sound.

storage, so be sure to check. Basically, if the food is not being eaten or prepared, it should go back into the car.

4) Water Verify whether potable water is available at the campground. Bring containers to carry drinking water from the source back to your camp. If water is not available, bring plenty of water for cooking, cleaning and drinking.

5) Clothing Bring a pair of flip-flops, water shoes or sandals (something that you don't mind getting wet) that are easy to slip on and off—especially for keeping your tent floor clean. Wear them from the tent to the shower facilities; they go right into the shower. If you need to make a pit stop in the middle of the night, easy-on shoes are a must! Bring boots for hiking. Bring a hat: It keeps you warm, protects you from the sun and helps to hide your 'bed head.' Always bring some warm clothing and a rain/winter coat since temperatures can drop to the 30's and 40's at night, even in the middle of summer!

6) Sleeping Bag Manufacturers' ratings indicate the lowest temperature that will be comfortable (i.e., -20, 0, 20, 32, 40 degrees F). Get a bag warmer than you think you'll need; it can get really cold at night, even in summer. Instead of bringing a pillow, bring a pillow case and fill it with your softer items of clothing, thus saving space. The ground can be hard and draw heat away from your body, so bring a sleeping pad or mattress. An air pump to inflate and deflate air mattresses will save lots of time and your lungs.

7) Campfires In most state and national parks, collecting firewood is prohibited. In most other locations it requires a permit. Also be aware that transporting firewood from home can introduce harmful pests to the park. Plan to purchase firewood at or near the campground. Check with the ranger or camp host, if there is one at the location. Only bring firewood from home if the campground is near your

home and if the campground rules allow it. Always build your fire in an established fire ring and be aware of the fire danger. Keep a bucket of water nearby and use it to douse the fire before retiring. *Never* leave a campfire unattended. Never build a fire without a means of putting it out (i.e., water, dirt).

8) First Aid: Bring a good-sized first aid kit or small plastic bin with first aid supplies: sun screen, bandages, antiseptic spray, antibiotic ointment and gauze of various sizes. Also have bug spray (non-DEET for kids), antihistamine, pain medicine, any prescription medications you need, tweezers, scissors, sunburn relief spray and anti-diarrhea medicine.

9) Lighting: Bring enough flashlights or headlamps so that each family member can have one. This will cut down on the squabbles. Don't forget plenty of extra batteries! If you bring a lantern, don't forget extra batteries and mantles.

10) Miscellaneous Bring lots of hand sanitizer and wet wipes. Plastic bags, regular and self-sealing, have many uses. A length of rope to tie between two trees for a clothes line is great for hanging up wet towels and clothes. Don't forget camp chairs for around the fire. Collect dryer lint at home to use as fire starter. Bring a small whisk broom and dust pan to keep the inside of the tent clean. Of course, don't forget the duct tape! Make a check list at home so that you don't forget these items and check them off *after* they are loaded into your vehicle.

And leave no trace! Leave your campsite as clean or cleaner than you found it. Happy camping! ▲▲



About the author

Tacoma Mountaineer Kathleen Brammer, originally from upstate New York, began her Mountaineers experience in 2001 with hiking. She then caught the winter hiking bug and took the Snowshoe/Winter Travel Course in 2002. She yearned for some sea legs in 2003 and took the Sea Kayaking Course, only to stretch her horizons with the Sailing Course in 2010. She became involved with Family Activities in 2007 "when my youngest turned 3." She is also a Girl Scout leader.



THE MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS kick off their 2011 season in the Forest Theater with "Oklahoma." Above, Will Parker (Anderson Shaw) lassos Ado Annie (Katie Moya). See the ad on page 12 for more about the show and tickets.



We're here to assist

Over the past several months, an assessment of The Mountaineers Program Center's accessibility has been conducted by an outside resource that specializes in barrier-free access. Some modifications are being

made to the building, including power button access at the main doors. Due to sloping issues and traffic running along the front of the building, The Mountaineers is unable to establish wheelchair ramping any closer than what is currently in place.

The Mountaineers has six spaces reserved for those needing special access along the south side of the building. These spaces are appropriately marked and are connected to the building by a pathway that is barrier-free. If you are coming to The Mountaineers and would like some assistance, phone 206-521-6001, and staff will do all that we can to assist you.

For further information, contact Laurie Ward at 206-521-6004.

Now that The Mountaineers is a 501(c)(3), what portion of your dues is tax deductible? The Mountaineers is happy to announce that all but \$16 of membership dues is now tax deductible. Further details will appear on the website this spring and in the July/August *Mountaineer*. Thanks again for voting!

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Welcome to our seven branches of The Mountaineers

Fueled by dedicated and skilled volunteers, all branches offer a number of courses and seminars. Many courses, such as climbing, scrambling, kayaking, backcountry skiing and others that require a set of learned skills to safely enjoy, follow a common curriculum from branch to branch. Some, however, may have slight differences in the names of the courses they hold in common, such as Snowshoe Level 1 and Snowshoe Lite; Snowshoe or Backcountry Ski Course and Winter Travel; or Sailing Course and Crewing Course. Just look for the descriptions when visiting course information online or in this *Mountaineer*. See course events in the "Go Guide" section of this magazine. Although our program curricula are coordinated to meet Mountaineers-wide standards and policies, each branch offers a slightly different flavor or character to its offerings. Though you may want to join the branch nearest to your home, you may join any branch of your choosing. Note that once you are a member you may participate in trips or courses in any branch. One way to gain a taste test of a particular branch is to attend a new/prospective members' meeting. General dates of these meetings are noted under each branch heading. For all current activities and links to branch websites, visit www.mountaineers.org.

BELLINGHAM

Chair: Molly Kaufmann, mollykaufmann@bellinghammountaineers.org.

Website: bellinghammountaineers.org.

The Bellingham Branch, tucked alongside the craggy expanse of the North Cascades, features a vital, close-knit climbing program, as well as courses in first aid and alpine scrambling. It is also home to one of the most popular Mountaineers getaway destinations, Mt. Baker Lodge. The lodge facilitates many of the courses and seminars offered by the branch. From the lodge, Mountaineers and guests can also recreate to their heart's content year-round. In addition to the courses noted above, Bellingham also offers hiking trips, snowshoe tours and backcountry ski trips.

Learn more

In most months, the branch hosts a meeting and slideshow for prospective members and new members to better orient them to branch offerings. The event usually is held at 7 p.m. in the Bellingham Library. Please check the branch home page (accessible via www.mountaineers.org) for updates on when and where the meeting is to be held.

ANNUAL BANQUET: In January of each year, the branch hosts one of its grandest events, the Bellingham Annual Banquet. Watch the website for news about the 2012 banquet.

CLIMBERS' RENDEZVOUS: Instead of a regular October members' meeting, the branch celebrates with its **Annual Climbers' Rendezvous Dinner**. Keep an eye on the branch website as October draws nearer.

EVERETT

Chair: Carrie Strandell, wolfwoman0819@hotmail.com

Website: everettmountaineers.org.

The Everett Branch of The Mountaineers

was founded in 1910 by H.B. Linman, an Everett dentist. The new organization successfully sponsored over a dozen hikes that year and its first outing, a hike to Lake Isabelle. Several hundred members of the public attended "stereopticon" presentations at the Everett High School auditorium. Dr. Linman, his wife, and seven other branch members reached the summit of Glacier Peak in August 1910 during The Mountaineers' annual outing. The branch was not "officially" founded until 1911 when The Mountaineers charter was amended to provide for branches. This anomaly allows the branch – now with over 850 members – to continue its centennial celebration in 2011!

Everett members share a wide variety of activities. Please explore the branch website or attend one of the branch monthly meetings to discover more about the branch.

Learn more

To learn more about branch activities and meet some nice people who happen to be Mountaineers, attend the monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month (except for July, August, and December). They start at 7 p.m. in the Drewell Conference Room of the Snohomish County East Administration Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., in downtown Everett. In August we hold our meeting during the branch family picnic at Legion Park in north Everett. Non-members are welcome to attend.

"THE NEW MOUNTAINEERS" Over the next months, our monthly membership meetings will feature presentations on the recent, titanic changes in our 105-year-old volunteer organization which include a new program center, a new executive director, a change in our financial operations, many new staff members, 501(c)(3) status, new publications, etc. Knowing about these changes is important to both new and old members of our branch and to the public.

Schedule (tentative):

Wednesday, May 4 - Program TBA

Wednesday, June 1 - Executive Director Martinique Grigg on the Future of the Mountaineers. Do not miss this one!

July - No meeting

Wednesday, August 3 - Family Picnic at Legion Park in north Everett.

HAIL TO THE HOGGERS! On the last Saturday of February, an intrepid group of Everett Branch skiers participated in the Hog Loppett, a 30 km people's ski race from Mission Ridge to Blewett Pass. Over 600 skiers participated in this annual event, a true test of physical stamina and skiing ability. Participants included Steve Cook, Lorna Corrigan (and her sister, Lisa), Evy Dudey, Mark Glidden, Henry Leap, Evan Moses and Matt Vadnal. Mona West and other Seattle Branch members also participated, including Susan Sayers, Dale Flynn, Mike Lawrence, Colt de Wolf, Rena Chinn, Wendy Arness, Ed Palushock, Eileen Kutscha, Peter Babler, Sabrina Oesterle, Anne Meegan, Jim Nelson, Rod Sawyer, Erica Cline, Chris Gan, Louise Suhr, Isabel Suhr, Marla Pickens, Aaron Molesness, Chuck Amon, Hadi Al-Saadoon, Peggy Halverty, Tina Nef, Ed Dominguez, Louise Suhr, Erica Cline, Isabel Suhr and, in spirit, Barbara Dekeyser who had to cancel at the last minute due to illness.

NEW BRANCH OFFICERS: The Everett Branch special election was held electronically this year, resulting in a voter turnout more than 10 times higher than the last election, when paper ballots were used. Our new branch officers are:

Chair - Carrie Strandell
Vice Chair - John Laggart
Treasurer - Dave Brunner
Trustee - Evy Dudey

Our new officers join Bernadette LaMarca who will continue to serve as the branch secretary. Congratulations to all candidates and thanks go to the Nominating Committee.

Our next votes will be cast during the annual election this September. Contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving as a branch officer.

THANK YOU: The Branch thanks and commends our outgoing branch officers: Matt Vadnal, chair; Rob Simonsen, trustee; and Maggie Gow, treasurer. They all ably served the branch during a time of transition.

NEW CLIMBING CHAIR: Brent Colvin is the new Climbing Committee chair. Harlan

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Brown, the departing chair, was an exemplary leader who established a standard of excellence that we should all try to achieve. Thanks, Harlan.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY Mark your calendars for Saturday, **June 4** and start the summer right by building or repairing trails at the Lord Hill County Park. The smell of freshly turned dirt is positively intoxicating. Get a t-shirt, enjoy barbecued burgers and meet other Mountaineers. Check the branch website for details or contact our Lookout/Trail Maintenance Chair Forrest Clark, woodmanfor@aol.com, for details. Also mark **July 1-4** or our Three Fingers Lookout work party. Contact Arthur Wright, 425-742-6176, threefingerslookout@gmail.com.

FOOTHILLS

Chair: Fran Troje, foothills.branch@gmail.com.
Website: foothillsmountaineers.org.

The newest neighbor in The Mountaineers hood, Foothills Branch is continuing to add new programs and adventures to its offerings, year by year.

Covering communities on the Eastside, from Bellevue all the way to Ellensburg, the branch offers opportunities for safe and enjoyable outdoor recreation year-round. Foothills members are only a short drive to The Mountaineers Snoqualmie Campus at the summit.

The branch offers conservation and recreational access advocacy, hiking, photography and skiing. As its membership grows, the branch is looking for **volunteers** to steer new programs and provide new ideas for additional programs. You might even want to become one of our leaders or instructors! We can put you on that trail. Just notify Foothills Chair Fran Troje, foothills.branch@gmail.com, 425-746-6726.

Learn more

The Foothills Branch new and prospective members' meeting is held most months through the year. They usually start with a socializing session at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief update on branch goings-on and a feature presentation at about 7:20 p.m. Meetings are held in Issaquah at the King County Library System Service Center. Watch the Foothills website for the announcement of coming meetings.

KITSAP

Chair: Mike Raymond, branch@kitsapcabin.org.

Website: kitsapmountaineers.org.

The Kitsap Branch is home to a preserve, a program center – the Kitsap Cabin – and

an outdoor stage. All of these make up a potpourri of activity and delight for Mountaineers and guests.

Kitsap offers courses and programs in climbing, alpine scrambling, hiking, snowshoe tours, photography and sea kayaking. Its Salmon Safari for youths – giving them streamside observations of spawning salmon in the Rhododendron Preserve – is only a short hike from Kitsap Cabin amidst some of the longest standing old-growth forest in Western Washington's lowlands.

Also a short hike away is the magical Kitsap Forest Theater, home to two **Mountaineers Players** stage productions each year.

Learn more

The Kitsap Branch holds quarterly membership meetings at 7 p.m. at the Norm Dicks Government Center in downtown Bremerton (345 6th St.). Anyone interested in programs offered by The Mountaineers is encouraged to attend. We'll share slides of our activities followed by a feature presentation. Refreshments will be served. Keep an eye on the Kitsap Branch website for coming dates and times.

PIZZA & WORK PARTY Join us on **May 18**, Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. for 90 minutes of invasive species removal around Kitsap Cabin and along the driveway into Hidden Valley. Bring heavy work gloves and hand nippers. When finished, we will celebrate our stewardship with a pizza dinner. Contributions toward the cost of the pizza are gratefully accepted by the Conservation Committee.

TRAIL RUNNING ADDED! The branch has started offering trail running. Visit the branch website, www.kitsapmountaineers.org, to find out more.

VOLUNTEER ALERT! We are always looking for volunteers to make our Kitsap Cabin more accommodating. If you're in the mood for cutting up some wood for our beautiful fireplace or wish to share your carpentry skills, let us know. Also, if you have some dry, burnable wood to spare at home, we could use it! If you can help in any of these ways, contact Mike Raymond, branch@kitsapmountaineers.org.

CONSERVATION/EDUCATION PROGRAMS: To find out the latest about Kitsap conservation projects, contact Katha Miller-Winder, conservation and education chair, info@salmonsafari.org.

OLYMPIA

Chair: Michael Silverstein, silvermas@comcast.net.

Website: olympiamountaineers.org.

The fastest growing of the branches, Olympia has been offering Mountaineers programs and training to the South Sound for

more than 45 years, including hiking, skiing, sea kayaking, snowshoeing, backpacking, climbing, outdoor leadership and naturalist activities.

Learn more

The Olympia Branch holds a potluck and special "Adventure Presentation" for prospective, new, and current members on the first Wednesday of each month from September through May (excluding November). It is held at The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. NW, Rooms 101-102. The next meeting will be **May 4**. Socializing and a potluck meal begin at 6 p.m. The Adventure Presentation begins at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Mountaineers, share ideas, learn about others' escapades, and connect with a greater community of outdoor enthusiasts. Contact Carolyn Burreson, cbburreson@q.com, if you have questions.

MAY 4 ADVENTURE PRESENTATION:

Julie Smith will talk about her climb of the Carstensz Pyramid, a mysterious place, hidden in the jungle, the highest mountain in Oceania, and the hardest of the Seven Summits. Julie has six down and one to go. She'll talk about her adventures in Irian Java (West Papua), jungle hiking, rock climbing, the Moni tribal people, and her training and preparation for the trip.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE about joining The Mountaineers or wish to send a membership brochure to a friend, or if you have moved and don't want to miss an issue of the bimonthly *Mountaineer* magazine, send an e-mail to olymountaineers@gmail.com. Please include your mailing address so that we can send you a membership packet.

THE OLYMPIA BRANCH BOARD meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meetings are **May 11** at Alpine Experience in the Hyak Room and **June 8** at the Olympia Center. Members are encouraged to attend, especially the June meeting, which is the quarterly members meeting.

OLYMPIA BRANCH ELECTIONS will take place in June and July. Candidates are sought for the following openings: vice chair, treasurer, and member-at-large. If you are interested in nominating or volunteering for one of these positions, contact Mike Rowsell, mnrowswell@hotmail.com.

SPRING WILDERNESS SKILLS COURSE will begin on **May 3**. An entry-level course for new members and people who want to hike this summer, sessions will be held May 3, 10, 17, 21 and 24. See the Olympia website for more details.

OLYMPIA BRANCH LIBRARY: Located at Maxine Dunkelman's house, 5418 Lemon Rd. N.E. Contact Maxine at 360-352-5027 or maxdunk@comcast.net if you'd like to come by to browse, check out or return books, which can also be done at Alpine Experience (in the box

behind the front counter). Books, DVDs and maps owned by the branch are listed on the branch website. Maxine also attends our first-Wednesday membership night with a selection of books to check out. Call her with requests.

HELP OUT ON CHURCH CREEK TRAIL

Olympia is organizing two trail events built around National Trails Day. A longtime project for the Olympia Branch, Church Creek Trail #871 beautifully connects the Skokomish watershed with the Wynoochee watershed. On **June 4**, National Trails Day, a work party will clear some sections of trail, remove some fallen trees, and brush, and repair some tread on eroded sections. Those wishing to give something back for the trails they love are welcome to join. On **June 18**, a special "Conservation on the Ground" visit to the trail invites Mountaineers and guests to take part in an informative hike along Church Creek Trail. Learn about Mountaineers stewardship efforts and how the Wild Olympics campaign seeks to protect this wonderful trail. In the meantime, get warmed up for the hiking season on this splendid 6.4 mile RT hike with two options—moderate or more strenuous. For more info on the work party or the "Conservation on the Ground" event, contact Jim French, (360) 754-6551, jimfrenchwa@comcast.net.



SEATTLE

Chair: Timmy Williams, mtnrtimmy@clearwire.net.

Website: seattlemountaineers.org.

The largest of our branches, Seattle gives lovers of the outdoors an opportunity to try out hiking, backpacking, scrambling, climbing, skiing, snowshoeing, wilderness navigation, first aid, family activities, folk dances, leadership training, naturalist study, photography, singles events, Retired Rovers activities, Under the Hill Rovers activities and sailing.

Learn more

Come to "**MEET THE MOUNTAINEERS**" on Thursday, **May 5**, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Mountaineers Program Center. Dozens of volunteers from the branch committees will be eager to introduce you to all things Mountaineers. Mountaineers Board of Trustees members will be on hand to find out what you'd like to see in the organization. Snacks and beverages will be available.

THE NATURALISTS STUDY GROUP

series of lectures (all 7-9 p.m.) are: Tuesday, May 17—introduction, life zones and conifers; Tuesday, June 7 - birds, ferns, and flowers; Tuesday, June 21—flowers, butterflies, amphibians, and the silver and interior fir zones.

GOT THE BACKPACKING BUG? But you just need to know how to get started? In only five hours spread between two evenings, you can learn all you need to know about packing

right and traveling safely. The Seattle Backpacking Course begins **May 19** and finishes the following Thursday. Check backpacking activities at www.mountaineers.org for all the details. Enrollment is open up to May 19.

DO YOU WANNA DANCE? The Seattle social/singles group holds dances and dance lessons, as does the Folk Dancing Committee. Contact Karen Ludwig, karenludwig2000@yahoo.com, for upcoming singles dances and visit www.mountaineers/seattle/folkdance.

ORCAS ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER WEEKEND: The Singles Committee invites Mountaineers to take part in this annual event on June 17-19, Friday-Sunday at beautiful Moran State Park. The center will open at 4 p.m. on Friday. There will be free canoeing and kayaking on Cascade Lake as well as hikes to enjoy. For more about the meals and accommodations, contact Bob Pankl, pankl@earthlink.net, or Eldon Ball, eldonball@juno.com, 206-366-8405. Sign up on line or call 206-521-6001.



TACOMA

Chair: Geoff Lawrence, geoff.lawrence@tacomamountaineers.org.

Website: www.tacomamountaineers.org.

The second largest of all seven branches, Tacoma hosts its own program center and hub in the quaint Tacoma neighborhood of Old Town near Puget Sound. Close to Mt. Rainier and yet another Mountaineers property, Irish Cabin on the Carbon River, Tacoma Branch offers an extensive list of activities and courses in backpacking, hiking, conservation, scrambling, climbing, first aid, snowshoeing, skiing, sea kayaking, sailing, bicycling, singles

events, wilderness navigation, avalanche awareness, folk dancing, photography and family activities.

Visit our website, browse through our activities, our events calendar, the "Who We Are," and learn about us.

Learn more

Orientation meetings for new, current and prospective members are held the third Friday of most months at the Tacoma Program Center. They start at 7 p.m. and include socializing, a presentation about our branch and a featured speaker. The first American woman to sail solo around the world, **Karen Thorndike**, will be the guest speaker at the **May 20** meeting.

Want a personal guide to what the Tacoma Branch offers? Contact one of our **new-member mentors** (see our branch website).

RUN TO THE RESCUE FOR TRAILS!

Join Tacoma Branch members in the annual fundraiser to support completion of a 50-mile public, non-motorized trail from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound on National Trails Day. The Rainier to Ruston Rail-Trail Relay and Ultra will be run Saturday, **June 4**, National Trails Day. Registration is completely online at www.rainiertoruston.com.

TACOMA BRANCH BOARD meets on the last Monday of most months at 7 p.m. at the Tacoma Program Center and is open to all members.

INTRO TO HIKING/BACKPACKING This seminar introduces the newcomer to the how-to and where-to for hiking or backpacking. Schedule: 6-9 p.m. at Tacoma Program Center on Monday, **May 16**, and Tuesday, **June 28**.

THE BIG BACKYARD PICNIC at the Engles' garden is set for Thursday, **June 30**, 5-10 p.m. See the branch website for more.

MOUNTAINEERS-WIDE: PLAYERS

Escape to the Kitsap Forest Theater! Join us for a grand adventure as you stroll down the forested trail to our unique and breathtaking stage. Create a treasured family tradition!

Spring, 2011: "Oklahoma!" will be staged on May 29, 30, June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 2 p.m. Rodgers & Hammerstein's first collaboration remains one of their most popular. Set in a Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background for several bumpy love stories. Director: Jenny Estill; Music Director: Gail Foster; Choreographer: Guy Caridi; Accompanist: Debbie Valenta; Costumer: Margie Kluth; Sets: Will Gray.

Summer, 2011: "Into the Woods" will be performed on July 30, 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. From a book by James Lapine, this Stephen Sondheim musical is a whirlwind journey through the fantastical world of fairytales and fables. Follow the cast of characters from some of Grimm's classic stories as they begin "Once Upon a Time," go into the woods and discover what's after "happily ever after." Director: Craig Schieber; Music Director: Amy Beth Lindvall; Chorographer: Guy Caridi; Accompanist: Olivia Hickerson; Costumer: Barbara Klingberg; Sets: Chris Stanley.

Annual Players Banquet/Potluck: Celebrate the spring show, "Oklahoma!" on Friday, June 24, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 18826 3rd Ave. N.W., Shoreline. We start at 6 p.m. Bring a dish or salad. Note the location has change; it is not at the program center as originally planned.

Help Wanted: If you are interested in being involved in any way with either or both shows, please contact co-producers Gala Lindvall (542-4195 - galabaskets@comcast.net) and/or Nancy Estill (595-8610 - nestill@u.washington.edu). We would love to have your help! Visit www.ForestTheater.com.

mountaineerslodges

Mountaineers lodges are open year-round for members and guests. Reservations are made through a prepay system which accepts payment by either credit card or a check. If paying by credit card, simply call 206-521-6001 by 5 p.m. (for all lodges except Meany which is via www.brown-papertickets.com; 800-838-3006) on the Thursday prior to the weekend. If paying by check, the payment must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday prior to the weekend you wish to reserve. All we ask of you thereafter is to call the program center, 206-521-6001, by 5 p.m. on Thursday to confirm that your payment has been received and that a reservation has been secured. **Cancellations:** All cancellations, except for Meany, must be made at club headquarters by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the lodge visit. The cooks need to know you're coming! This is also the deadline for refunds.

Baker Lodge

The Mountaineers Mt. Baker Lodge is nestled in the spectacular beauty of the North Cascades and just a short walk from the upper lifts of the Mt. Baker Recreation Co. Watch the website via www.mountaineers.org for updates and details on open weekends this spring.

Reservations: At times during the season Mountaineers activity groups have signed up for specific weekends. Even though groups may be scheduled for a weekend, unless otherwise indicated, the lodge is open to the public on all dates, with reservations on a first-call basis through online registration or by calling 206-521-6001. Payments are made at time of reservation with credit card.

Questions can be answered by contacting Bill Woodcock (206-696-6127), Judy Sterry (206-366-2750; jsterry60@comcast.net) or by visiting the Baker Lodge website at www.mountaineers.org/lodge/baker.

To ensure that there is room for your group and to avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact Judy Sterry (contact info above) for November-May reservations and Jim Gipson (425-985-0616, gipwood@msn.com) for June reservations before publicizing the date of your event. Non-scheduled openings may be arranged if hosts can be found, but because most of our volunteer hosts are working full-time, midweek reservations may be hard to staff. The sooner you ask, the more likely it is that someone can be found.

Schedule/rates: Please click on "Calendar and Reservations" on our website's home page: www.mountaineers.org/lodge/baker.

Amenities: The lodge is normally open by 7 or 8 p.m. on Fridays. If you need a more specific opening time, call the host listed online.

Trail lights from the parking lot to the lodge are on until 10:30 p.m. and the trail is marked by flagged poles. If you arrive after 10:30 p.m. be prepared with a flashlight or headlamp. Each person should bring a sleeping bag, personal gear and a flashlight. Cars should have a shovel and chains. Saturday/Sunday breakfasts and Saturday dinner are served on weekends.

Baker Lodge welcomes the public, all ages and abilities. Families with children of age 5 or under should call the host prior to registering.

Fifth graders can obtain a **free** lift ticket if they are accompanied by a paying adult, complete an application and have proof that they are in the fifth grade. Visit the ski area website at www.mtbaker.us for a copy of the

application and additional information.

Get involved: Do you enjoy hosting people at parties, special events or in your home? Do you enjoy being a part of a team that puts meals together for others? If so, Baker Lodge may be your next opportunity.

The Baker Lodge Committee is looking for energetic individuals/couples/families to assist with general operations throughout the year. You can become hosts for Baker Lodge with just two weekends of training. Specific duties range from opening and closing the lodge, assisting with and/or supervising meal preparations, and coordinating lodge activities. (The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.)

Members of the Baker Lodge Committee are interested in exploring new ideas for maximizing this "beautiful little gem of a lodge" that sits in the shadows of Mt. Baker. Couples could team up with other couples to serve as hosts. Families could come together and welcome other families in for a family weekend. **HOSTS STAY FOR FREE.**

And for those who lead Mountaineers trips and activities, Baker Lodge leadership reminds you that you are always welcome to bring your group of Mountaineers members and guests up to the lodge for any overnight or weekend.

Driving directions: N. on I-5 to Bellingham, take Exit 255, the Mt. Baker Highway, and go E. on SR-542 about 54 mi. to the ski area. At the Firs Lodge, turn right onto the one-way loop road that leads 0.3 mi. to our lodge on the right side of the road. We are about 1-1/2 hours from Bellingham and 3 hours from Seattle.

Kitsap Cabin

Built mostly by Mountaineers women in 1918, the Kitsap Cabin is home to The Mountaineers Kitsap Branch and The Mountaineers Players during spring and summer as they rehearse and perform at the Kitsap Forest Theater. The Players also hold their Youth Theater Camp at the Forest Theater.

Kitsap Cabin is surrounded by the Rhododendron Preserve, a 460-acre private reserve operated by The Mountaineers Foundation. It is one of the largest remaining parcels of Puget Sound lowland, old-growth forest in the Puget Sound Basin and serves as a buffer from encroaching development for not only the theater but also the creeks that are vital for spawning salmon each fall.

The cabin and theater are available for private rentals. For rental information, please

call 206-542-7815.

For information about the Kitsap Branch of The Mountaineers, visit www.kitsapmountaineers.org.

For information about the 2011 Players' season, visit www.ForestTheater.com.

For information about the Mountaineers Foundation and the Rhododendron Preserve, visit www.mountaineersfoundation.org.

Meany Lodge

The end of winter does not keep Meany Lodge from opening its doors in spring and summer. From June through November, Meany is available for private rentals and Mountaineers events. If you want a nice, secluded cabin for a weekend retreat or seminar, then visit our website at www.meanylodge.org. Go to "Contacts" and send the chair or sports director an email telling them that you are interested.

Meany will offer a series of summer programs. More information can be found on our website on the following events:

Meany Women's Wellness Adventure Weekend: July 8-10 Last year was such a rousing success that Linda and Patti are doing it again! This event is organized, run and attended by women. The weekend will be July 8-10. This year's program is still being developed, but will be similar to last year's with enough changes to keep things fresh and exciting. To allow all attendees the chance to sample the entire program, we are limiting the number of guests to 40 women. The event is selling out fast. For more information/registration, go to www.meanylodge.org, go to the "Activities" tab, scroll down and click on "Women's Weekend."

Meany Summer Bicycle Trek: July 16-17 NEW this year! A mountain bike trek from Hyak to Meany, along the Iron Horse Trail. If you think the trek is too much for your family (or yourself), you can simply drive up to Meany with your bicycle and ride around the beautiful campus. For more information/registration, go to www.meanylodge.org, the "Activities" tab, scroll down and click on "Bicycle Weekend."

Meany Family Hiking Weekend: August 6-7 Meany Lodge is adventure central August 6-7, with exciting outdoor activities for all ages. Hikes are organized for both Saturday and Sunday. Choose from hikes suitable for children as young as 2, or hikes that are considered strenuous. Sleep in the lodge or pitch a tent under the stars. The lodge facilities are available to you all night. Afternoon

and evening activities are planned for our younger guests, and everyone will enjoy the fresh and scrumptious Meany food. Sunday morning starts early with a hearty breakfast before we head off for another day of adventure. For more information contact Brian, 425-999-5853, or email hiking_coordinator@meanylodge.org. Complete weekend details are available on the Meany Lodge website; go to the Activities" tab, scroll down and click on "Family Hiking Weekend."

Perseid Meteor Shower August 12 -13 (13-14)? Last year was the first time we did this, and everyone has a great time, so we're doing it again. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Meany Mushroom Weekend: October 28-30 Have you been wondering what all those people are doing in the woods around Meany in late September-October? If you have, then this weekend gives their secret away! Every year Meany teams up with the Puget Sound Mycological Society for this popular event. During this exciting weekend you will discover what types of fungi grow in the Pacific Northwest, which are safe to eat, and ways to prepare these delectable gourmet treats. For more information/registration, go to www.meanylodge.org, go to the "Activities" tab, scroll down and click on "Mushroom Weekend" to see what happened last year.

Meany Summer and Fall Work Parties Ever wonder how things get fixed at Meany? Well, as soon as the 420 road is passable, the Meany committee is up working on important projects. We have both midweek and weekend work parties throughout the summer and fall seasons. This is the time to come up and see what the lodge is all about and really get to meet and talk to the committee. The crowds are definitely smaller, you get to sample potential winter menu items, and it doesn't cost you anything (except a little sweat equity). As an added bonus, one fall weekend we make fresh apple cider, and the last weekend we feast on STEAK!

So come on up and bring your kids (helpful ones are welcomed). Even if it's only for a couple of hours, Meany can always use your help! The work parties are listed on the Meany calendar (www.meanylodge.org/calendar.html), but here they are again:

MIDWEEK	WEEKEND
June 7-9	September 10-11
June 28-30	September 24-25
July 12-14	October 8-9
August 16-18	October 22-23
September 27-29	November 5-6
October 11-13	

For information on midweek work parties - Ray Nelson, nelson.rp@frontier.com; weekend work parties - Chuck Welter, chair@meanylodge.org

To register go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/11606.

Snoqualmie Campus

Looking for a beautiful mountain setting less than an hour's drive from downtown Seattle? Somewhere to hold your next family or group picnic? Then make your family or group reservations now for The Mountaineers' Snoqualmie Campus! If you want to scout out the 77-acre campus first, contact us at snoqualmiecampus@yahoo.com or 425-434-6177. You may also check us out on Facebook and YouTube.

We are located between Summit Central and Summit West ski areas, amidst tall stands of silver fir, alpine shrubs, grassy meadows and wetlands. Access to the Pacific Crest Trail, Iron Horse Trail and Gold Creek are only minutes away. Visitors often see nesting birds of prey and elk.

This summer the campus will be available for group rentals and family events.

Summer work parties will be starting in July and will include some potluck meals and campouts.

Parking is free and there is easy bus access for groups at the campus. In winter the slopes are great for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, avalanche training, snow-cave camping, LNT, sledding, geo-catching and snow play. In summer and fall there are picnic and camping areas to accommodate individuals, families, small and large groups. There are open areas for meetings, classes and recreation. The Coleman Memorial Shelter is equipped with a gas grill (propane and firewood available at cost), fireplace and picnic table. The old lodge site has water and electrical hookups. There are flushing toilets.

Use policy, fees and credits: Daily user fees are \$10/person or \$25/family, payable in advance. No Sno-Park or Northwest Forest Pass permits are required to park. And the number in a group can exceed 12. Group and course rates are negotiable. Persons willing to perform campus service projects can reduce or eliminate their user fees. Overnight parking is free with advance reservations. All Mountaineers members, guests, the general public may make reservations.

Mountaineers and activity leaders: If you are planning to access or lead a group onto or through the campus on a day when the campus is closed, we still require a reservation from you. Please check in with the campus host and make your fee payment.

Volunteers and donations welcome: Like other Mountaineers lodges and programs, we are volunteer operated, user-fee and donation supported. We always need volunteers of any skill level and seek donations of building materials as well as campus supplies. Volunteers can earn credits toward free skiing via 2011-12 Summit ski vouchers. Camp out or bring your RV and enjoy an overnight for free after a full day of fun outdoor work. And be sure to stick around just long enough after the work

is done for some good food. Some of the most immediate work will include:

- Snowshoe trail enhancements and marking. We hope to bring back the old snowshoe route for the next winter season by clearing and marking snowshoe trails.
- Beacon Basin improvements. Enhance the existing avalanche beacon training system.
- Upper tow-shack renovation. Repairs on the former "rope tow" shack: fix the roof leaks, remove the tow motor, clean or remove other old equipment to create classroom space.

Campus hosts: We are looking for volunteers who would like to stay on campus this summer in their own tent or RV as campus caretakers. You will provide basic, friendly host services to campus visitors this summer. The length of stay is flexible.

If you can't volunteer we do accept monetary donations toward repairs to the storm-damaged road, the Coleman Memorial roof, and tow-hut modifications for classrooms. We also barter for use of the campus. Snowshoes and other camping supplies are needed to help assist courses taught on campus. Also needed are shovels, snowshoes, snowmobile, the loan of a snowmobile for events, clippers, saws, wheelbarrows and first-aid supplies.

Our future: We invite Mountaineers members' input on planning the campus's future. Email us at snoqualmiecampus@yahoo.com or call 425 434-6177. Visit our website at www.snoqualmiecampus.org.

Driving directions: Take exit 53 from I-90 and head toward Summit Central. Watch for The Mountaineers sign on the right.

Stevens Lodge

Visit www.stevenslodge.org to view current activities at the lodge. For more information, contact Angela or Greg, 425-258-4847, greg@stevenslodge.org.

Bring a warm sleeping bag, toilet articles and a towel for the shower, suitable clothing, your gear and a flashlight. Some pillows are available, but feel free to bring your own if you desire. Bring a padlock if you wish to secure your equipment. Stow your gear in a pack or sled suitable for walking the 600-foot distance to the lodge.

Driving directions: Take US-2 to the Stevens Pass Ski area. Turn into the parking entrance just below Tye Creek Lodge (the old West Lodge) on the W. side of the summit. Stay left at the entrance and go around the hairpin turn at the far end of the lot, then continue to the upper level parking area, Lot #4. Park here. Look for a steep Cat track/service trail leading up the bank at the far end of the lot. Stay on it and turn right at the top. Go past the lodge on the left (Penguins' Ski Club) for 500' until you come to a sharp 90-degree bend in the trail. The reddish-brown, four-story building is the lodge.



READY FOR SOME ADVENTURE? The Go Guide is home to THOUSANDS of trips, outings and events each year. A bulk of our trips open their arms to the general public as a sampler of Mountaineers activities. Listings with the words **"GETTING STARTED SERIES"** immediately following the destination are designed specifically to introduce the greater outdoors community to our community of Mountaineers, one that has enjoyed and preserved the great Northwest since 1906. Otherwise, the name of the committee that organizes and provides leaders for the trip or event immediately follows the destination.

If you are looking for camaraderie with a particular **BRANCH** of The Mountaineers, check out the color-designated abbreviations at the end of each listing: **BEL** = Bellingham, **EVT** = Everett, **FH** = Foothills, **KIT** = Kitsap, **OLY** = Olympia, **SEA** = Seattle, **TAC** = Tacoma.

While you are whetting your appetite by browsing through our bounty of trips, adventures and explorations, remember that you can go online at WWW.MOUNTAINEERS.ORG to gain a fully-detailed view of all **UP-TO-THE-MINUTE** listings and more importantly, to **SIGN UP** for the trip or event of your choice.

Events and trips marked **OPEN TO ALL** don't require that a course be taken before participating. But keep in mind that they **REQUIRE REGISTRATION** unless otherwise noted. You will also need a current **WAIVER** on file with The Mountaineers to participate. Those marked **PRE-REQUISITES** mean a course or equivalent skills are required. Following are guides and keys to interpreting the trip listings.

TRIP RATINGS

Rating systems are based on mileage, elevation gain and difficulty of the terrain. The ratings assume optimal conditions. Bad weather, getting off route or very soft snow, for example, can make a trip more difficult than its normal rating.

Climbs: BR=Basic Rock; B=Basic Alpine; BG=Basic Glacier; IR=Intermediate Rock; IM=Intermediate Mountaineering; II=Intermediate Ice; CRG=Crag Climbing; AID=Aid Climbing; WI=Water Ice

Hikes: E=Easy (up to 8 mi. RT, up to 1200' elevation gain). M=Moderate (up to 12 mi., 1200'-2500' gain). S=Strenuous (up to 14 mi., 2500'-3500' gain). VS=Very Strenuous (over 14 mi. and/or more than 3500' gain).

Scrambles: (non-technical, off-trail trips to a summit, often on snow and/or rock.) Difficulty (first digit) is rated from 1 (easiest) to 5 (toughest). The second digit=technical difficulty, rated from 1 (least technical, least exposed) to 5 (most technical and most exposed).

Sea Kayak (approximate): SKI=wind under 6 knots, ripple. SKII=wind under 10 knots, up to 1' chop crossing up to 1 nm. SKIII=wind under 15 knots, up to 2' chop (whitecaps), crossing up to 2 nm. SKIV=wind up to 20 knots, 3-4' breaking waves, crossing up to 5 nm. SKV=wind up to 20 knots, 4' breaking waves and surf, crossing up to 5 nm. See respective branch websites for details about ratings and skill prerequisites.

SKI: N=Nordic; M=Mountain; I*=Instructional (beginner). 1=Easy for N (4-6 mi. RT, 500' gain); Intermediate for M (5-15 mi. RT, 1,500' plus gain). 2=Moderate for N (6-10 mi. RT, 1,000' plus gain); Advanced for M (6-20 mi. RT, 2,500' plus gain).

3=Intermediate/Harder for N (7-12 mi. RT, 1,500' plus gain); Expert for M (8-20 mi. RT, 2,500' plus gain). See respective branch websites for details about ratings and skill prerequisites.

Snowshoe: E = Easy (500' elevation gain, up to 6 mi. RT). E+ = Easy Plus (500-2,000' elevation gain, up to 10 mi. RT). M = Moderate (500-2,000' elevation gain, up to 10 mi. RT). S= Strenuous (2,000' elevation gain, no distance limit).

ABBREVIATIONS

CG=Campground	E, W, N, S=East . . .
USGS=US Geological Survey	GT=Green Trails
Hwy=Highway	I=Interstate
ITC=Issaquah Trail Cntr	Jct=Junction
MRNP=Mt. Rainier	NP=National Park
NWFP=NW Forest Pass (fee)	mi=miles
FS=Forest Service	P&R=Park & Ride
Rd=Road	RS=Ranger Station
RT=Round Trip	SP=State Park
SR=State Route	TH=Trailhead

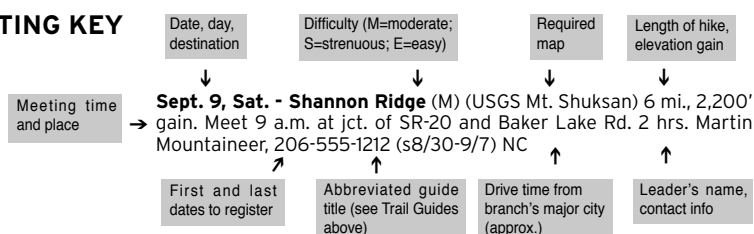
MOUNTAINEERS TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS: REQUIRED ON ALL MOUNTAINEERS TRIPS

1. Navigation
2. Sun protection
3. Insulation
4. Illumination
5. First-aid supplies
6. Fire starter
7. Repair kit and tools
8. Nutrition (extra food)
9. Hydration (extra water)
10. Emergency shelter

SEA KAYAK, SAILING ESSENTIALS

Please see respective branch websites for details.

TRIP LISTING KEY



open to all (members and guests via registration)

Listings below include those built online through February 10 - go to www.mountaineers.org for the most up-to-date listings

backpacking

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Stein River Canyon/Stein Valley Nlakapamux Heritage Park BC Backpacking (M) 12+ mi, 1000+'. Meet at Stein east trailhead at 8:30 AM. Leader: Linda Moore, (425) 347-7650, abenteuerbc@yahoo.com (s4/18-5/11) **SEA**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Dosewallips River and Sunnybrook Meadows Hiking (MS) Buckhorn Wilderness (CC). 25 mi, 5000'. Sign up with Leader: Mike Kretzler, (360) 866-4497, mikretzler@comcast.net (s5/9-5/26) **OLY**

6/1-6/12, Wed-Sun - Pacific Ocean Lost Coast-Kings Range-Sinkyone Wilderness Backpacking (M) 52 mi, 7000'. Meet at Seattle at 7 AM. Leader: Craig Miller, (206) 285-2399, craigfmiller@comcast.net (s2/4-4/30) **SEA**

6/10-6/12, Fri-Sun - Beaver Pass-Whatcom Pass, via Ross Lake Hiking (VS) Mt Challenger-15(GT), Ross Lake-16(GT). Meet at Marblemount RS at 8 AM. Leader: Cheryl Talbert, (253) 229-4018, cascadehiker@earthlink.net (s3/29-6/8) **FH**

7/2-7/4, Sat-Mon - Heather Trail / Blackwall Peak, Manning Prov Park (BC) Backpacking (M) 17 mi, 1150in, 705 out'. Meet at Manning Park Lodge at 8 AM. Leader: Linda Moore, (425) 347-7650, abenteuerbc@yahoo.com (s5/23-6/28) **SEA**

7/8-7/10, Fri-Sun - Shi Shi Beach - Family Activity Backpacking (E) 8 mi, 200'. Meet at Aurora Village Transit Center at 9 AM. Leader: Geneva Sullivan, (206) 963-5958, mountaineers_geneva@speakeasy.net (s5/30-7/3) **SEA**

bicycling

Every Tue & Thu - Bothell-Marymoor Park Redmond via Burke-Gilman Bike Trail - New Members Welcome! Singles/Social (TOUR_M) 21 mi, 50'. Meet at Sammamish River Parking lot near Bothell Landing on 102nd Ave near downtown Bothell on the Burke-Gilman Bike at 5:45 PM. Leader: Mike Moodi, (425) 408-0056, moodi@comcast.net. **SEA**

climbing

5/11, Wed - Youth Outreach Event Climbing. Meet at Seward Park at 9 AM. Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s3/14-5/11) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Youth Outreach Event Climbing. Meet at Magnuson Park Mountaineers Program Center at 8:30 AM. Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s3/14-5/13) **SEA**

5/17, Tue - Youth Outreach Event Climbing. Meet at Magnuson Park Mountaineers Program Center at 2:30 PM. Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s3/14-5/17) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Youth Outreach Event Climbing Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s2/16-5/20) **SEA**

6/18-6/19, Sat-Sun - Mt Shuksan, Sulphide Glacier Climbing (BG) Sign up with Leader: Nicholas Mayo, (360) 568-7308, nicholas.e.mayo@gmail.com (s3/28-6/17) **PVT**

6/25, Sat - Youth Outreach Event Climbing. Meet at Magnuson Park Mountaineers Program Center at 8:30 AM. Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s3/14-6/25) **SEA**

conservation

6/4 - Sat - National Trails Day Events Hikes and stewardship in the Methow. Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org; Trail stewardship with Everett Branch, Leader: Forrest Clark, (425) 487-3461, LOTM@everettmountaineers.org; Church Creek trail work with Olympia Branch, Leader: Jim French, (360) 754-6551, jimfrenchwa@comcast.net.

dancing

Every Tue - Folkdance Dance-Meet at Magnuson Park Activity Center at 7 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Johnny Jeans,

(425) 746-2328, jjmntnjoys@yahoo.com **SEA**

May-June - Dance & Free Lessons Singles. East Coast Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, or West Coast Swing. Contact: Karen, at 206-484-9187, karenludwig2000@yahoo.com.

hiking

5/2, Mon - Midweek Hike Planning Meeting & Potluck Midweek Hikes. Meet at Trudy Ecob's at 10:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Joe Toynbee, (425) 228-6118, toynbee@comcast.net **SEA**

5/1, Sun - Spring Potluck - Tacoma Hiking/Backpacking Committee - New Members Welcome! Hiking (E) Leader: Amy Mann, (253) 759-2796, agmann@comcast.net (s1/4-5/1) **TAC**

5/3, Tue - Snoqualmie Falls Vista Midweek Hikes (E) 6 mi, 600'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Peggy Owen, (425) 746-1070, hikerpeggy38@comcast.net **SEA**

5/4, Wed - Mailbox Peak Hiking (VS) Mt Si NRCA - 206S (GT). 6 mi, 4100'. Meet at See leader notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: Lynn Graf, (206) 632-8117, lynn.graf@gmail.com (s4/25-5/3) **SEA**

5/7, Sat - Packwood Lake - New Members Welcome! Hiking (M) Packwood-302(GT). 9 mi, 500'. Meet at Trailhead at 10 AM. Leader: Steve Payne, (253) 315-0426, stevepayne@mindspring.com (s4/25-5/5) **SEA**

5/7, Sat - Cleman Mtn, Hardy Canyon Loop Singles/Social (S) Manastash Lake-273(GT). 13 mi, 3000'. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s4/25-5/5) **SEA**

5/7, Sat - Chiwaukum Creek Hiking (M) Chiwaukum Mtns-177(GT). 11 mi, 1600'. Meet at Brickyard PnR at 7:30 AM. Leader: Barbara Folmer, (425) 271-1622, barbara.folmer@gmail.com (s4/25-5/6) **FH**

5/4, Wed - Everett to Seattle Beach Hikes Hike #1 Everett to Mukilteo Midweek Hikes (EM) 6 mi, none'. Meet at Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave at 9:45 AM. Leader: Pat Deagen, (206) 546-1816, pdeagen@frontier.com (s4/18-5/3) **SEA**

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come explore - trips/events

hiking

5/5, Thu - Lingering Loop Midweek Hikes (M) Tiger Mtn - 204S (GT). 6 mi, 1500'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 8:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Ronald Howatson, (425) 392-8344 [SEA](#)

5/5, Thu - Light Weight Hiking and Backpacking Seminar - Getting Started Hiking Meet at Issaquah REI at 6:30 PM. Members: \$40, Non-members: \$50. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s4/20)-

5/8, Sun - Goat Lake (Monte Cristo) Singles/Social (M) Sloan Peak (USGS). 10 mi, 1300'. Meet at Trail Head at 8:30 AM. Leader: Bob Pankl, (206) 729-0162, pankl@earthlink.net (s4/29-5/5) [SEA](#)

5/8, Sun - Goat Lake (Monte Cristo) Singles/Social (M) Sloan Peak (USGS). 10 mi, 1300'. Meet at Trail Head at 8:30 AM. Leader: Bob Pankl, (206) 729-0162, pankl@earthlink.net (s4/29-5/5) [SEA](#)

5/9, Mon - Seward Park Midweek Hikes (E) 6 mi, 300'. Meet at Seward Park (#39 bus optional) at 9:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Edmund Lewin, (360) 297-6633 [SEA](#)

5/9, Mon - Light & Healthy Backpack Food Made Simple - Getting Started Hiking Meet at Issaquah REI at 7 PM. Members: \$15, Non-members: \$20. Leader: CHERYL TALBERT, (253) 229-4018, CASCADEHIKER@EARTH-LINK.NET (s4/20-5/9) [FH](#)

5/10, Tue - Coal Creek Trail Midweek Hikes (E) Cougar Mtn - 203S (GT). 5.5 mi, 800 approx'. Meet at Redtown Trailhead at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Suzanne Stockton, (425) 643-0395, hikinggrandma@yahoo.com [SEA](#)

5/11, Wed - Echo Mountain Hiking (E) 5 mi, 1000'. Meet at Petrovitsky Park at 4:30 PM. Leader: Barbara Folmer, (425) 271-1622, barbara.folmer@gmail.com (s5/2-5/10) [FH](#)

5/12, Thu - Squak Tops Midweek Hikes (MS) Cougar Mtn - 203S (GT). 8 mi, 2000'. Meet at Squak Mtn State Park, May Valley Rd at 8:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: Patty Osterholm, (206) 817-5372, pattyoster@aol.com (s4/29-5/11) [SEA](#)

5/14, Sat - Lower South Fork Skokomish Hiking (M) Mt Skokomish - Lake Cushman (CC). 10 mi, 600'. Sign up with Leader: Mike Kretzler, (360) 866-4497, mkretzler@comcast.net (s4/25-5/12) [OLY](#)

5/14, Sat - Umtanum Ridge - Black Canyon Loop Singles/Social (M) 10 mi, 1800'. Meet at Tibbetts P & R at 7 AM. Leader: Brian Carpenter, (206) 403-3004, fleasgach@gmail.com (s4/22-5/10) [SEA](#)

5/14, Sat - Wallace Lake Singles/Social (S) Index (USGS). 14 mi, 1540'. Meet at Wallace Falls Trailhead at 8:30 AM. Leader: Gregg Pilgreen, (425) 485-2686, stevetahoma@frontier.com (s5/3-5/12) [SEA](#)

5/17, Tue - Teneriffe Falls Loop Midweek Hikes (MS) Mt Si NRCA - 206S (GT). 8 mi, 2100'. Meet at Preston P&R, I-90 Exit 22 at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Ralph Owen, (425) 746-1070, hiker99ralph@comcast.net [SEA](#)

5/18, Wed - Rattlesnake Grand Traverse Hiking (S) 12 mi, 2,600'. Meet at See leader notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: Neil Carlsen, (206) 551-0572, necarlsen@comcast.net (s5/9-5/17) [SEA](#)

5/18, Wed - Everett to Seattle Beach Hikes #2 Mukilteo to Edmonds Midweek Hikes (M) 10.8 mi, none'. Meet at Mukilteo Lighthouse Park (south of Ferry Dock) at 9:30 AM. Leader: Pat Deagen, (206) 546-1816, pdeagen@frontier.com (s5/1-5/17) [SEA](#)

5/21, Sat - Big Creek Loop #827 - Lake Cushman area - Kids Welcome Hiking (E+) Mt Skokomish - Lake Cushman (CC). 4.5 mi, 1200'. Sign up with Leader: Anne Whitney, (360) 753-6526, aloba75290@aol.com (s5/2-5/19) [OLY](#)

5/21, Sat - Chiwaukum Creek Hiking (M) Chiwaukum Mtns-177(GT). 11 mi, 1600'. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s5/9-5/19) [SEA](#)

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Dog Mtn Hiking (S) 6 mi, 2850'. Meet at Park & ride on I-5 corridor at 6 AM. Leader: CHERYL TALBERT, (253) 229-4018, CASCADEHIKER@EARTH-LINK.NET (s3/5-5/13) [FH](#)

5/22, Sun - Sequelitchew Canyon and Dupont Bluff Hiking (E) 4 mi, 200'. Sign up with Leader: Linda Stretz, (360) 491-9655, lstretz@hotmail.com (s5/2-5/20) [OLY](#)

5/22, Sun - Lake 22 Singles/Social (EM) Granite Falls (USGS). 5.5 mi, 1400'. Meet at Ash Way P&R at 9 AM. Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com (s5/12-5/19) [SEA](#)

5/23, Mon - Redmond Watershed Preserve Midweek Hikes 5 mi, 200'. Meet at Redmond Preserve Parking lot at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Ron McConnell, (425) 451-2142,

ronmcconnell@msn.com [SEA](#)

5/25, Wed - Mason Lake - Ira Spring Memorial Hiking (MS) Bandera-206(GT). 6.6 mi, 2000'. Meet at Meet exit 20 S side of 190 at stop sign at 4:30 PM. Leader: Monty Pratt, (206) 718-8812, westseattle207@yahoo.com (s5/17-5/24) [FH](#)

5/26, Thu - Talus Loop Trail, Mt Si Midweek Hikes (M) Mt Si NRCA - 206S (GT). 6 mi, 1500'. Meet at Mt Si trailhead at 9 AM. Sign up with Leader: Patty Osterholm, (206) 817-5372, pattyoster@aol.com (s5/19-5/25) [SEA](#)

5/28, Sat - Dungeness Spit Lighthouse Hiking (M) 11 mi, 110'. Meet at Church of the Nazarene, Poulsbo at 8:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: David Burton, (360) 876-2229, davidbburton@msn.com (s4/13-5/27) [KIT](#)

5/28, Sat - Deception Creek To Campsite Singles/Social (MS) Stevens Pass-176(GT). 12 mi, 1400'. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s5/16-5/26) [SEA](#)

5/28, Sat - Iron Bear Hiking (M) Liberty (USGS), Liberty-210(GT). 6 mi, 1900'. Meet at Tibbetts P&R at 8 AM. Leader: Barbara Folmer, (425) 271-1622, barbara.folmer@gmail.com (s5/16-5/27) [FH](#)

5/28, Sat - Mt Teneriffe - Mt Si Loop Hiking (VS) 16 mi, 4800'. Meet at Little Si TH at 7 AM. Leader: Monty Pratt, (206) 718-8812, westseattle207@yahoo.com (s5/20-5/26) [FH](#)

5/29, Sun - Ingalls Creek - New Members Welcome! Hiking (M) Liberty (USGS), Mt Stuart (USGS). 12 mi, 1200'. Meet at Preston P&R at 7 AM. Leader: Steve Payne, (253) 315-0426, stevepayne@mindspring.com (s5/16-5/26) [SEA](#)

5/30, Mon - Talapus & Olallie Lakes Midweek Hikes (M) Bandera-206(GT). 4 mi, 1200'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 9 AM. Leader: Chris Ensor, (253) 813-2622, cvensor@comcast.net (s5/19-5/29) [SEA](#)

5/31, Tue - West Tiger 3, 2, 1. Midweek Hikes (MS) Tiger Mtn - 204S (GT). 12 mi, 3300'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 8:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Ralph Owen, (425) 746-1070, hiker99ralph@comcast.net [SEA](#)

6/1, Wed - Mt Washington Hiking (S) Bandera (USGS). 10 mi, 3200'. Meet at See leader notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: David Suhr, (206) 715-0759, david@somenamewhere.com (s5/23-5/31) [SEA](#)

6/1, Wed - Everett to Seattle Beach Hikes #3 Edmonds to Carkeek Park Midweek

Hikes (EM) 9.1 mi, 200'. Meet at Edmonds Ferry Terminal at 9 AM. Leader: Pat Deagen, (206) 546-1816, pdeagen@frontier.com (s5/22-5/31) [SEA](#)

6/4, Sat - Sun Mountain Trails Hiking (MS) Sun Mtn/Methow - 83S (GT). 13 mi, 2200'. Meet at Sun Mountain Lodge at 9 AM. Leader: Kelly Cleman, (360) 563-0320, masterhiker@gmail.com (s4/4-5/31) [SEA](#)

6/4, Sat - Sun Mountain Trails/Leisurely Hiking (M) Sun Mtn/Methow - 83S (GT). 8.5 mi, 1800'. Meet at Sun Mountain Lodge at 9:30 AM. Leader: Chris Ensor, (253) 813-2622, cvensor@comcast.net (s4/4-5/31) [SEA](#)

6/4, Sat - Leaders Choice Singles/Social (VS) Meet at Tibbet's (Issaquah) at 6:30 AM. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s5/23-6/2) [SEA](#)

6/4, Sat - High Rock Lookout Hiking (EM) Randle (USGS), Randle-301(GT). 3 mi, 1400'. Meet at Puyallup at 8:30 AM. Leader: Catherine Walters, (253) 759-1127, kwon1962@yahoo.com (s5/9-5/29) [TAC](#)

6/7, Tue - Stans Overlook Midweek Hikes (E) Rattlesnake Mtn - 205S (GT). 5 mi, 1400'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Suzanne Stockton, (425) 643-0395, hikinggrandma@yahoo.com [SEA](#)

6/8, Wed - Lake 22 Midweek Hikes (EM) Granite Falls-109(GT), Silverton-110(GT). 5.4 mi, 1550'. Meet at Ash Way Park & Ride at 8:30 AM. Leader: Ron McConnell, (425) 451-2142, ronmcconnell@msn.com (s5/24-6/7) [SEA](#)

6/8, Wed - Twin Lakes (Cold Creek, PCT North, Clockwise) Hiking (M) Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 7.5 miles mi, 1400'. Meet at Meet exit 20 S side of 190 at stop sign at 4:30 PM. Leader: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com (s5/31-6/7) [FH](#)

6/10, Fri - Cedar Butte via John Wayne Trail Midweek Hikes (M) Rattlesnake Mtn - 205S (GT). 6 mi, 1200'. Meet at Rattlesnake parking lot at 9 AM. Sign up with Leader: Patty Osterholm, (206) 817-5372, pattyoster@aol.com (s6/2-6/9) [SEA](#)

6/11, Sat - Mt Si Family Activities (S) Bandera (USGS), Mt Si (USGS), Mt Si-174(GT). 8 mi, 3200'. Meet at TH at 9 AM. Leader: Rich Draves, (206) 669-3405, rich@draves.org (s2/21-6/9) [SEA](#)

6/11, Sat - Bandera Mtn - North I-90 Peak #5 Singles/Social (S) Bandera-206(GT). 8 mi, 3000'. Meet at Tibbet's (Issaquah) at 9

AM. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s5/30-6/9) **SEA**

6/14, Tue - Lake Serene Midweek Hikes (M) Index (USGS), Index-142(GT). 8 mi, 2000'. Meet at Woodinville P & R at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Peter Stevens, (425) 483-8851, stevens@u.washington.edu **SEA**

6/15, Wed - Bandera Mtn - North I-90 Peak #5 Hiking (S) Bandera-206(GT). 8 mi, 3000'. Meet at See leader notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: Linda Kuramoto, (425) 747-8627, linda.kuramoto@gmail.com (s6/6-6/14) **SEA**

6/15, Wed - Everett to Seattle Beach Hikes #4 Midweek Hikes (EM) 6.3 mi, 150'. Meet at Carkeek Park, Piper's Creek Trailhead at 9 AM. Leader: Pat Deagen, (206) 546-1816, pdeagen@frontier.com (s6/1-6/14) **SEA**

6/17, Fri - Lightfooting to Lighthouses #11 - New Dungeness Lighthouse Midweek Hikes (M) 11 mi, 135'. Meet at Parking area at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge at 10 AM. Leader: Julie Miller, (206) 283-1406, miller.jz@comcast.net (s6/6-6/15) **SEA**

6/18, Sat - Mt Ellinor (Upper Trail Head) Hiking (S) The Brothers (USGS). 4.4 mi, 2244'. Meet at Bremerton Airport at 8:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: David Burton, (360) 876-2229, davidbburton@msn.com (s4/13-6/17) **KIT**

6/18, Sat - Conservation on the Ground: Church Creek Trail 871 Hiking (M) Sign up with Leader: Jim French, (360) 754-6551, jimfrenchwa@comcast.net (s5/30-6/16) **OLY**

6/18, Sat - Tiger Mountain - Leaders Choice Hiking Tiger Mtn - 204S (GT). Meet at Tradition Plateau TH at 7 AM. Leader: Steve Payne, (253) 315-0426, stevepayne@mindspring.com (s6/6-6/16) **SEA**

6/18, Sat - Navaho Pass Singles/Social (S) Mt Stuart (USGS). 11 mi, 2900'. Meet at Tibbett's (Issaquah) at 8 AM. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s6/6-6/16) **SEA**

6/18, Sat - St Edward State Park Singles/Social (E) 4.5 mi, 700'. Meet at Seminary Parking Lot at 8:30 AM. Leader: Gregg Pilgreen, (425) 485-2686, stevetahoma@frontier.com (s6/7-6/16) **SEA**

6/19, Sun - Upper South Fork Skokomish Hiking (M) Mt Skokomish - Lake Cushman (CC). 8 mi, 1100'. Sign up with Leader: Mike Kretzler, (360) 866-4497, mkretzler@comcast.net (s5/30-

6/17) **OLY**

6/19, Sun - Pratt Lake Singles/Social (S) Bandera (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 11.5 mi, 2300'. Meet at Trail head off I 90, Exit 47 at 9:30 AM. Leader: Bob Pankl, (206) 729-0162, pankl@earthlink.net (s6/10-6/16) **SEA**

6/20, Mon - PCT Series Pizza Feed and Hike / Backpack Sign-ups Hiking Meet at Seattle Program Center at 6:30 PM. Leader's Permission Required: Monty Pratt, (206) 718-8812, westseattle207@yahoo.com (s2/15-6/16) **SEA**

6/20, Mon - Bandera Mountain Midweek Hikes (S) Bandera-206(GT). 8 mi, 3000'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 8:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Peggy Owen, (425) 746-1070, hikerpeggy38@comcast.net **SEA**

6/21, Tue - De Leos Wall via Newcastle Highlands Trail Midweek Hikes (E) Cougar Mtn - 203S (GT). 5 mi, 800'. Meet at Boren Park, Coal Creek Parkway at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Suzanne Stockton, (425) 643-0395, hikinggrandma@yahoo.com **SEA**

6/22, Wed - The Woods & Treehouses of Kirkland/Bellevue Midweek Hikes (M) 8.5 mi, moderate'. Meet at South Kirkland Park & Ride at 9:30 AM. Leader: BARB UMPHENOUR, (425) 822-7133, alvinandbarbara@aol.com (s6/12-6/21) **SEA**

6/22, Wed - Snow Lake Hiking (M) Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 7 mi, 1700'. Meet at Meet exit 20 S side of I90 at stop sign at 4:30 PM. Leader: Monty Pratt, (206) 718-8812, westseattle207@yahoo.com (s6/14-6/21) **FH**

6/23, Thu - Taylor Mtn Midweek Hikes (E) Tiger Mtn - 204S (GT). 5 mi, 800'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 9 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Joe Toynbee, (425) 228-6118, toynbee@comcast.net **SEA**

6/25, Sat - Mt Zion Hiking (EM) Mt Walker (USGS), Tyler Peak-136(GT). 4 mi, 1350'. Sign up with Leader: Carla Jonientz, (360) 359-8412, carlajonientz@yahoo.com (s6/6-6/23) **OLY**

6/25, Sat - Lake Caroline Hiking (S) Enchantment Lakes (USGS). 11 mi, 2870'. Meet at Leavenworth Ranger Station at 8 AM. Leader: Glen Strachan, (425) 869-8094, glenshgi@msn.com (s6/13-6/23) **SEA**

6/25, Sat - Mt Baldy Singles/Social (S) Kachess Lake-208(GT). 9 mi, 3000'. Leader: Lawrence Landauer, (425) 844-4330, lawrenceglennlandauer@yahoo.com (s6/13-6/23) **SEA**

6/26, Sun - Mount Walker

Hiking (MS) Mt Walker (USGS). 6.5 mi, 2000'. Meet at Ash Way (164th) Park & Ride at 5 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Bern Lamarca, (425) 232-5751, mountain_babe@comcast.net (s6/8-6/22) **EVT**

6/26, Sun - Colchuck Lake Hiking (M) Enchantment Lakes (USGS). 9 mi, 2100'. Meet at Leavenworth Ranger Station at 8 AM. Leader: Glen Strachan, (425) 869-8094, glenshgi@msn.com (s6/13-6/23) **SEA**

6/26, Sun - Snow Lake and Beyond Singles/Social (M) 6 mi, 1250'. Meet at Tibbet's P&R at 9:15 AM. Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com (s6/16-6/23) **SEA**

6/27, Mon - Annette Lake Midweek Hikes (M) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 7 mi, 1800'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 8:30 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Eva Syrovoy, (206) 364-6270, egsyrovoy@comcast.net **SEA**

6/28, Tue - Echo Lake (Greenwater) Midweek Hikes (S) Lester-239(GT). 14 mi, 1800'. Meet at IATC see leader notes at 9 AM. Leader: Chris Ensor, (253) 813-2622, cvensor@comcast.net (s6/12-6/27) **SEA**

6/29, Wed - Tinkham Peak via Hikers Route Hiking (S) Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 6 mi, 2300'. Meet at See leader notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: Richard Burt, (206) 632-8117, richard.d.burt@gmail.com (s6/20-6/28) **SEA**

6/30, Thu - Snoquerra Palisades Midweek Hikes (M) Greenwater-238(GT). 7 mi, 2000'. Meet at Maple Valley Park & Ride at 8 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Pete Girard, (360) 886-5072, TPGIRARD@MSN.COM **SEA**

7/6, Wed - Granite Mtn Hiking (VS) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 8 mi, 3800'. Meet at Meet exit 20 S side of I90 at stop sign at 4:30 PM. Leader: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com (s6/28-7/5) **FH**

7/9, Sat - PCT Series Hike or Backpack Hiking No Registration Required, Leader: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com **FH**

7/10, Sun - PCT Series Hike or Backpack Hiking No Registration Required, Leader: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com **FH**

5/7, Sat - Bog Wonders of SW BC - Burns Bog & Lulu Island Bog Naturalists (E+) Leader: Linda Moore, (425) 347-7650, abenteuerbc@yahoo.com (s4/1-5/5) **SEA**

5/15, Sun - Mima Mounds/Bald

Hill Natl Area Preserve-Study Grp Only Naturalists (EM) 3-5 mi, Meet at Mima Mounds State Park at 8:30 AM. Leader: Cynthia Lukas, (206) 439-2136, deterslukus@comcast.net (s5/1-5/11) **SEA**

6/5, Sun - Leavenworth Nature Excursions Naturalists Leavenworth-178(GT). Meet at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery at 7 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Don Schaechtel, (509) 548-9967, don.safety@nw.net (s5/6-6/1) **SEA**

photography

5/9, Mon - Tacoma Meeting and Scavenger Hunt Photography Meet at Tacoma Clubhouse at 7 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Joseph Becker, (253) 970-3100, josephebecker@comcast.net **TAC**

5/14, Sat - Fort Flagler Photography Meet at Outside the park office at 9 AM. Leader: Anita Elder, (206) 832-1036, anita@anitaelder.com (s2/19-5/12) **SEA**

5/18, Wed - Potluck and Image Presentation Photography (E) Meet at Seattle Activity Center at 6:30 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Herb Johnson, (206) 523-4544, wherbjohn@msn.com **SEA**

5/28, Sat - Deception Pass State Park Photography (EM) Meet at Meeting location will be at the trail head near the bridge (Whidbey side). at 9 AM. Leader: Anita Elder, (206) 832-1036, anita@anitaelder.com (s2/12-5/26) **SEA**

6/11, Sat - Mount Constitution Photography Meet at Educational Learning Center near the start of Mount Constitution Road at 9 AM. Leader: Anita Elder, (206) 832-1036, anita@anitaelder.com (s2/18-6/9) **SEA**

retired rovers

5/4, Wed - Rabanco Recycling and Transfer Station Retired Rovers Meet at 2722 3rd S. (Lander St.) at 10:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: Sue Hays, (206) 935-3548, sehays@foxinternet.com (s2/9-4/14) **SEA**

5/10, Tue - Retired Rovers Monthly Meeting Retired Rovers Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Warner Hughes, (425) 898-4468, hugw@

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comcast.net [SEA](#)

5/17, Tue - Tiger Mountain Botany Walk, Tradition Lake Area Meet at High Point, Exit 20, Parking Lot at 10 AM. Sign up with Leader: Joe Toynbee, (425) 228-6118, toynbee@comcast.net (s5/1-5/16) [SEA](#)

5/23, Mon - Washington Arboretum, Leader's choice (E) Meet at Visitor Center at 10 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Muriel Stoker, (206) 723-5039, murielstoker@hotmail.com [SEA](#)

6/1, Wed - Miller Botanical Garden and Interurban Trail (E) Meet at Miller Botanical Garden at 9:45 AM. Sign up with Leader: Evelyn Lester, (206) 726-9257 (s4/12-5/15) [SEA](#)

6/14, Tue - Retired Rovers Monthly Meeting Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Warner Hughes, (425) 898-4468, hugw@comcast.net [SEA](#)

6/20, Mon - Volunteer Park and Capital Hill Mansions (E) Meet at Conservatory entrance at 10 AM. Sign up with Leader: Storm Yanicks, (206) 232-8096, syanicks@earthlink.net (s6/1-6/19) [SEA](#)

6/28, Tue - Elliot Bay - Sculpture Garden to Pioneer Square (E) Meet at Pavilion, Sculpture Garden at 10:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: Richard Sipe, (206) 364-0914, richardsipe@q.com (s6/8-6/27) [SEA](#)

sea kayaking

5/23-5/29, Mon-Sun - Deer Group Sea Kayaking (III+) Sign up with Leader: Lisa Johnson, (206) 439-7029, lajbkayak@yahoo.com (s1/1-4/30) [OLY](#)

6/16-6/26, Thu-Sun - Esperanza & Nuchatlitz Inlets Sea Kayaking (III+) Sign up with Leader: Lisa Johnson, (206) 439-7029, lajbkayak@yahoo.com (s2/25-5/31) [OLY](#)

singles/social

(See Singles hikes under hiking and bicycles under bicycling)

5/3-6/28, Tue-Tue - Eastside Social Outdoor Volleyball Singles/Social Meet at Bellevue Downtown Park at 6 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com [SEA](#)

5/4, Wed - Olympia Potluck and Adventure Presentation Branch Admin Meet at Olympia Center at 6 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Carolyn Burrenson, (360) 705-2055, cbburrenson@Q.com [OLY](#)

5/5-5/19, Thu-Thu - Indoor Volleyball Singles/Social (E) Meet at Ingraham High School at 8 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com [SEA](#)

5/6-6/3, Fri-Fri - Games Night Singles/Social Meet at Phinney Neighborhood Center at 7 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com [SEA](#)

5/7, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

5/7, Sat - Tacoma Potluck Brunch with MRNP Volunteers Hiking Meet at Tacoma Clubhouse 2302 N. 30th Street at 9 AM. Leader: Amy Mann, (253)

759-2796, agmann@comcast.net (s1/14-5/7) [TAC](#)

5/14, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

5/21, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

5/26-6/30, Thu-Thu - Green Lake volleyball Singles/Social Meet at 5800 block E. Green Lake Way N. at 6 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Eldon Ball, (206) 366-8405, eldonball@juno.com [SEA](#)

5/28, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

6/4, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

6/11, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

6/17, Fri - Sing-along and Potluck Singles/Social Meet at Karen's house at 7 PM. Sign up with Leader: Karen Schaper, (206) 368-7547, kaschaper7@hotmail.com (s6/1-6/17)

6/18, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

6/25, Sat - Green Lake Walk Singles/Social Meet at Urban Bakery, 7850 E Green Lake Dr N at 11 AM. No Registration Required, Leader: Karen Nordal, (206) 366-2736, knordal@mac.com [SEA](#)

trail running

5/7, Sat - Olympic Discovery Adventure Trail Trail Running (M) Elwha (USGS), Lake Sutherland (USGS). 10+ mi, 900'. Meet at Meet at the Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 8 AM. Leader: Mark Thibault, (360) 860-1037, mark.a.thibault@gmail.com (s4/8-5/6) [KIT](#)

5/14, Sat - Lower Big Quilcene Trail #833 Trail Running (M) Buckhorn Wilderness (CC). 12.4 mi, 1300'. Meet at Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 8:30 AM. Leader: Mark Thibault, (360) 860-1037, mark.a.thibault@gmail.com (s4/8-5/13) [KIT](#)

trail workparties

6/4, Sat - Iron Goat Trail - National Trails Day Meet at Martin Creek Trailhead at 8:45 AM. Sign up with Leader: Dennis Evans, (360) 652-4459, evans.dennis@frontier.com (s3/28-6/3)

6/4, Sat - National Trails Day Leader: Forrest Clark, (425) 487-3461, LOTM@everettmountaineers.org (s3/17-6/3) [EVT](#)

6/4 - Sat - Methow Valley Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

7/5, Tue - Heybrook Lookout Leader: Forrest Clark, (425) 487-3461, LOTM@everettmountaineers.org (s6/1-7/3) [EVT](#)

prerequisites (or must be in course)

climbing

5/1, Sun - Vantage: Sunshine Wall, Various Climbing (CRG) No Registration Required, Leader: Larry Rafferty, (206) 601-3353, LarryRafferty@hotmail.com [EVT](#)

5/1, Sun - Vantage: Riverview Park, Various Climbing (CRG) Leader's Permission Required: Art Freeman, (206) 525-4129, artfreeman525@aol.com (s1/23-4/28) [SEA](#)

5/7, Sat - Mt Erie: Snag But-

tress, Various Climbing (CRG) Sign up with Leader: Edward Palushock, (206) 223-5565, epalushock@alum.syracuse.edu (s4/4-5/4) [SEA](#)

5/7-5/8, Sat-Sun - Mt Hood, S Side Climbing (BG) Leader: Carry Porter, (425) 893-8843, carry@nwoutdoorgrill.com (s3/28-5/1) [SEA](#)

5/7, Sat - South Early Winter Spire, SW Couloir Climbing (BA) 0 mi, 7807'. Sign up with Leader: Joe Dumelin. (s4/9-4/30) [SEA](#)

5/7-5/8, Sat-Sun - Whitehorse Mtn, NW Shoulder Climbing (BA) Silverton-110(GT), White-

horse Mountain (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Susan Chan, (206) 240-6412, leadmade@gmail.com (s4/1-4/9) [SEA](#)

5/7, Sat - Yellowjacket Tower, E Flank Climbing (BR) Leavenworth (USGS), Leavenworth-178(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Ken Hahn, (206) 595-7237, kenhahn2004@gmail.com (s4/18-5/6) [SEA](#)

5/12-5/15, Thu-Sun - Mt Rainier, Tahoma Glacier Climbing (IM) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT), Mt Rainier West (USGS), Mt Rainier West-269(GT). 0 mi, 14410'. Sign

up with Leader: Julie Myer, (360) 870-1553, juliem135@comcast.net (s3/1-5/1) [TAC](#)

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Mt Hood, S Side Climbing (BG) Leader's Permission Required: John Mackey, (360) 379-3960, john@pttaxcpa.com (s5/2-5/10) [KIT](#)

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Mt Stone, Route 1 Climbing (BA) Leader's Permission Required: Michael Raymond, (360) 437-9379, mike-elaine@q.com (s4/11-5/9) [KIT](#)

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - The Brothers, S Couloir Climbing (BA) The Brothers (USGS), The

climbing

Brothers-168(GT). Sign up with Leader: Joe Dumelin (s4/30-5/7) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at Alpentel Parking Lot at 7 AM. Leader: Peter Clitherow, (206) 632-9844, pc22@zipcon.com (s4/1-5/12) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Unicorn Peak, S Side Climbing (BA) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Meet at P&R at S Grady Way & Shattuck Ave S in Renton at 5:30 AM. Leader: Mike Lawrence, (206) 935-0600, mlawrenc@starbucks.com (s4/25-5/10) **SEA**

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Tieton: Royal Columns, Various Climbing (CRG) No Registration Required, Leader: Larry Rafferty, (206) 601-3353, LarryRafferty@hotmail.com **EVT**

5/21, Sat - The Brothers, S Couloir Climbing (BA) The Brothers (USGS), The Brothers-168(GT). Sign up with Leader: Robert Kievit, (360) 866-8200, bkiev@comcast.net (s3/15-5/16) **OLY**

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Colchuck Peak & Dragontail Peak, Combo Climbing (BA) Chiwaukum Mtns-177(GT), Enchantment Lakes (USGS), Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). Sign up with Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s4/1-4/2) **SEA**

5/21, Sat - Dragontail Peak, Colchuck Col Climbing (BA) Chiwaukum Mtns-177(GT), Enchantment Lakes (USGS), Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). Meet at Stuart Lake TH at 7 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Colt DeWolf, (206) 352-9113, colt0045@gmail.com (s5/9-5/13) **SEA**

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Mt Thompson, W Ridge Climbing (IR) Chikamin Peak (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 0 mi, 6554'. Leader's Permission Required: Pete Ray, (206) 291-3217, prayemail@gmail.com (s1/25-5/19) **SEA**

5/21, Sat - Unicorn Peak, S Side Climbing (BA) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Meet at Bench Lk/Snow Lk Trailhead, Stevens Canyon Rd at 7 AM. Leader: Timmy Williams, (206) 235-6402, mtnrtimmy@clearwire.net (s5/9-5/19) **SEA**

5/21, Sat - Whitehorse Mtn,

NW Shoulder Climbing (BA) Silverton-110(GT), Whitehorse Mountain (USGS). Sign up with Leader: John Bell, (206) 363-0899, jbellclimber@yahoo.com (s1/27-1/27) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Unicorn Peak, S Side Climbing (BA) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Art Freeman, (206) 525-4129, artfreeman525@aol.com (s5/9-5/19) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Whitehorse Mtn, NW Shoulder Climbing (BA) Silverton-110(GT), Whitehorse Mountain (USGS). Meet at Trail Head at 4:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: Marla Molskness, (425) 444-3438, marla.molskness@gmail.com (s5/2-5/17) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Yellowjacket Tower, E Flank Climbing (BR) Leavenworth (USGS), Leavenworth-178(GT). Sign up with Leader: Bill Wood, (206) 255-2723, wwwood999@gmail.com (s4/22-5/15) **TAC**

5/25, Wed - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at Snow Lake TH at 7 AM. Leader: Chuck Powrie, (425) 333-0535, cpowrie@centurytel.net (s5/2-5/23) **SEA**

5/26, Thu - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Ken Hahn, (206) 595-7237, kenhahn2004@gmail.com (s4/18-5/25) **SEA**

5/27, Fri - Mt Hood, S Side Climbing (BG) Leader's Permission Required: Colt DeWolf, (206) 352-9113, colt0045@gmail.com (s5/16-5/20) **SEA**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Mt Baker, Boulder Glacier Climbing (BG) Lake Shannon-46(GT), Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Meet at Ash Way Park & Ride at 6 AM. Sign up with Leader: Jenni Schwegler, (425) 354-8179, jennschwewler@gmail.com (s5/9-5/25) **EVT**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Mt Rainier, Tahoma Glacier Climbing (IM) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT), Mt Rainier West (USGS), Mt Rainier West-269(GT). 14410'. Meet at Newcastle P&R at 6 AM. Sign up with Leader: Stephen Bobick, (425) 653-5526, sbobick2@gmail.com (s4/1-5/20) **EVT**

5/28, Sat - Mt Baker, Coleman Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Sign up with Leader: Jeff Foster, (360) 491-3325, tenpeak@comcast.net (s5/1-5/26) **OLY**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Little Tahoma, E Shoulder Climbing (BG) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Leader's

Permission Required: Dave Morgan, (206) 659-9833, go.climbing@gmail.com (s5/18-5/25) **SEA**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Mt Constance, S Chute Climbing (BA) Tyler Peak (USGS). 0 mi, 7743'. Sign up with Leader: Susan Chan, (206) 240-6412, leadmade@gmail.com (s5/2-5/23) **SEA**

5/28, Sat - North Twin Sister, W Ridge Climbing (BA) Cavanaugh Creek (USGS), Twin Sisters Mountain (USGS). Meet at Acme General Store at 6:30 AM. Leader: Mark Scheffer, (360) 805-6420, mark_scheffer@yahoo.com (s5/2-5/26) **SEA**

5/28, Sat - Whitehorse Mtn, NW Shoulder Climbing (BA) Silverton-110(GT), Whitehorse Mountain (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s3/28-5/26) **SEA**

5/28, Sat - Mt Washington, Rt 1 Climbing (BA) Mt Washington (USGS). 0 mi, 6255'. Meet at Olympia, Martin Way P&R at 6 AM. Sign up with Leader: Frank Neumann, (425) 503-2803, neumannfrank@mac.com (s4/25-5/23) **TAC**

5/28-5/29, Sat-Sun - Snowking Mtn, NE Shoulder Climbing (BA) Cascade Pass-80(GT), Snowking Mtn (USGS), Snowking Mtn-79(GT). Sign up with Leader: Steve Kleine, (253) 815-9054, steepincline13@yahoo.com (s4/1-5/6) **TAC**

5/29, Sun - South Early Winter Spire, S Arete Climbing (BR) Washington Pass (USGS). Sign up with Leader: John Mackey, (360) 379-3960, john@pttaxcpa.com (s5/9-5/18) **KIT**

6/2, Thu - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at TBD at 6 AM. Leader: Tord Kurthy, (425) 255-8940, aharkurthy@earthlink.net (s5/9-5/31) **SEA**

6/3-6/4, Fri-Sat - Mt Maude, N Face Climbing (II) Holden (USGS), Holden-113(GT), Trinity (USGS). 0 mi, 9082'. Meet at Phelps Creek Trailhead at 9 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mark Scheffer, (360) 805-6420, mark_scheffer@yahoo.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

6/3, Fri - South Early Winter Spire, S Arete Climbing (BR) Washington Pass (USGS). Leader's Permission Required: Art Freeman, (206) 525-4129, artfreeman525@aol.com (s5/16-6/1) **SEA**

6/4-6/5, Sat-Sun - Mt Baker, Coleman Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Sign up with Leader: Henry Leap, (360) 658-8303, frooger1@comcast.net (s5/9-

5/30) **EVT**

6/4-6/5, Sat-Sun - Mt Baker, Easton Glacier Climbing (BG) Baker Pass (USGS), Hamilton-45(GT), Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Leader: Michael Rowswell, (360) 459-1687, mnrowswell@hotmail.com (s5/1-6/2) **OLY**

6/4, Sat - Colchuck Peak, E Route Climbing (BA) Leader: Mike Warren, (206) 200-7388, MWarren@PivotalLawGroup.com (s5/30-6/3) **SEA**

6/4, Sat - Kangaroo Temple, N Face Climbing (BR) Silver Star Mtn (USGS), Washington Pass (USGS). Leader's Permission Required: Art Freeman, (206) 525-4129, artfreeman525@aol.com (s5/16-6/1) **SEA**

6/4-6/5, Sat-Sun - Mt Stuart, Ice Cliff Glacier Climbing (II) Sign up with Leader: Pete Ray, (206) 291-3217, prayemail@gmail.com (s4/1-6/1) **SEA**

6/4, Sat - Silver Star Mtn, Silver Star Glacier Climbing (BA) Silver Star Mtn (USGS), Washington Pass-50(GT). Sign up with Leader: John Bell, (206) 363-0899, jbellclimber@yahoo.com (s1/27-1/27) **SEA**

6/5, Sun - Green Giant But-tress, Dreamer Climbing (IR) Leader: Takeo Kuraishi, (425) 298-5872, takeo.kuraishi@gmail.com (s5/2-5/27) **SEA**

6/5, Sun - Silver Star Mtn, Silver Star Glacier Climbing (BA) Silver Star Mtn (USGS), Washington Pass-50(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Art Freeman, (206) 525-4129, artfreeman525@aol.com (s5/16-6/1) **SEA**

Trip/Outing - Prereqs - Climb - Everett - Climbing

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Leavenworth - Icicle Canyon, Various Climbing (CRG) Meet at Snow Creek Parking Lot at 8. No Registration Required, Leader: Larry Rafferty, (206) 601-3353, LarryRafferty@hotmail.com **EVT**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Ingalls Peak, SW Face Climbing (BR) Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). 0 mi, 7662'. Leader: Michael Raymond, (360) 437-9379, mikelaine@q.com (s3/23-6/1) **KIT**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Little Tahoma, E Shoulder Climbing (BG) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Karl Themer, (206) 428-8207, europacan@yahoo.co.uk (s6/1-6/6) **SEA**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Mt Baker, Boulder Glacier Climbing (BG) Lake Shannon-46(GT), Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Leader: Rod Mercer, (253) 631-9898, r.mercer@clearwire.net (s5/27-

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6/8) **SEA**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Mt Baker, Coleman Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Meet at TH at 9 AM. Sign up with Leader: Marla Molskness, (425) 444-3438, marla.molskness@gmail.com (s5/23-6/7) **SEA**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - Mt Baker, Easton Glacier Climbing (BG) Baker Pass (USGS), Hamilton-45(GT), Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Sign up with Leader: Stan Hummel, (206) 325-2799, shummel@nwlinc.com (s5/16-6/8) **SEA**

6/11-6/12, Sat-Sun - The Brothers, Brothers Traverse Climbing (IM) The Brothers (USGS), The Brothers-168(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Pete Ray, (206) 291-3217, prayemail@gmail.com (s5/15-6/8) **SEA**

6/11, Sat - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at Alpentel Parking Lot at 6 AM. Leader: Wesley Cooper, (206) 229-4101, wcooper06@yahoo.com (s5/30-6/9) **SEA**

6/12, Sun - Eldorado Peak, Inspiration Glacier Climbing (BG) Cascade Pass-80(GT), Diablo Dam-48(GT), Eldorado Peak (USGS). Meet at TH at 5 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Doug Payne, (206) 551-9693, doug@mercerbuilders.com (s5/2-5/30) **SEA**

6/12, Sun - Unicorn Peak, S Side Climbing (BA) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Meet at Narada Falls at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mark Scheffer, (360) 805-6420, mark_scheffer@yahoo.com (s6/10-6/10) **SEA**

6/14, Tue - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at Alpentel parking lot at 6:45 AM. Leader: Cebe Wallace, (206) 842-3409, cebe.wallace@gmail.com (s6/1-6/13) **SEA**

6/16, Thu - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Meet at Snow Lake TH at 6 AM. Leader: Peter Heinz, (425) 898-1208, pdh5775@gmail.com (s5/9-6/7) **SEA**

6/17-6/19, Fri-Sun - Snowfield Peak, Neve Glacier Climbing (BG) Diablo Dam (USGS), Diablo Dam-48(GT), Ross Dam (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Thomas Labrie, (360) 710-6577, ayankeehousewright@hotmail.com (s5/20-6/10) **TAC**

6/18, Sat - Ingalls Peak, S Ridge Climbing (BR) Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). Leader: Henry Leap, (360) 658-8303, frooger1@comcast.net (s6/1-6/13) **EVT**

6/18-6/19, Sat-Sun - Little Tahoma, E Shoulder Climbing

(BG) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Meet at Newcastle P&R at 6 AM. Sign up with Leader: Adam Clark, (386) 871-5702, aclark20@gmail.com (s5/15-6/6) **EVT**

6/18-6/20, Sat-Mon - Mt Anderson, Anderson Glacier Climbing (BA) Mt Steel (USGS), The Brothers (USGS), The Brothers-168(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Paul Gehlsen, (425) 488-9362, paul.r.gehlsen@boeing.com (s5/23-6/15) **EVT**

6/18, Sat - Ingalls Peak, East Ridge Climbing (IR) Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). Meet at Preston P&R at 5 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Jennifer Carter, (206) 940-2963, jennecarter@gmail.com (s5/18-6/11) **SEA**

6/18-6/19, Sat-Sun - Mt Stuart, Ice Cliff Glacier Climbing (II) Meet at Colchuck TH at 7 AM. Leader: Mark Scheffer, (360) 805-6420, mark_scheffer@yahoo.com (s5/16-6/16) **SEA**

6/18-6/19, Sat-Sun - Eldorado Peak & Klawatti Peak, Combo Climbing (BG) Sign up with Leader: Michael Delmonte, (253) 862-2785, snargs@comcast.net (s5/7-6/11) **TAC**

6/19, Sun - Snow Creek Wall, Outer Space Climbing (IR) Meet at Snow Creek TH at 7 AM. Leader: Takeo Kuraishi, (425) 298-5872, takeo.kuraishi@gmail.com (s5/16-6/10) **SEA**

6/19, Sun - The Tooth, S Face Climbing (BR) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). Leader's Permission Required: Pete Ray, (206) 291-3217, prayemail@gmail.com (s2/6-6/17) **SEA**

6/23, Thu - South Early Winter Spire, S Arete Climbing (BR) Washington Pass (USGS). Meet at Blue Lake TH at 6 AM. Leader: Tord Kurthy, (425) 255-8940, aharkurth@earthlink.net (s5/30-6/21) **SEA**

6/24-6/25, Fri-Sat - Forbidden Peak, W Ridge Climbing (IR) Cascade Pass (USGS), Cascade Pass-80(GT), Diablo Dam-48(GT), Forbidden Peak (USGS). 0 mi, 8815'. Leader: Rod Mercer, (253) 631-9898, r.mercer@clearwire.net (s6/3-6/22) **SEA**

6/24-6/27, Fri-Mon - Mt Logan, Banded Glacier Climbing (BG) Diablo Dam-48(GT), Forbidden Peak (USGS), Mt Logan (USGS), Mt Logan-49(GT). Meet at Marblemount RS at 11 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Mike Torok, (206) 243-0834, mike@mtnmike.com (s4/4-6/13) **SEA**

6/24-6/27, Fri-Mon - Mt Olympus, Blue Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Olympus (USGS). Leader's Permission Required: Colt DeW-

olf, (206) 352-9113, colt0045@gmail.com (s6/5-6/12) **SEA**

6/24-6/26, Fri-Sun - Stuart & Sherpa, Combo Climbing (BA) Mt Stuart (USGS), Mt Stuart-209(GT). Sign up with Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s3/28-6/21) **SEA**

6/24-6/26, Fri-Sun - Mt Constance, S Chute Climbing (BA) Tyler Peak (USGS). 0 mi, 7743'. Sign up with Leader: Steve Kleine, (253) 815-9054, steepincline13@yahoo.com (s5/1-6/10) **TAC**

6/25, Sat - Kangaroo Temple, N Face Climbing (BR) Silver Star Mtn (USGS), Washington Pass (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Bill Wood, (206) 255-2723, wwood999@gmail.com (s5/20-6/21) **TAC**

6/25, Sat - Little Tahoma, E Shoulder Climbing (BG) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Members: \$43. Leader's Permission Required: Bill Hecker, (253) 876-0658, gumbidamit@msn.com (s5/23-6/13) **TAC**

6/26-6/27, Sun-Mon - Mt Shuksan, Fisher Chimneys Climbing (BG) Mt Shuksan (USGS), Mt Shuksan-14(GT), Shuksan Arm (USGS). Leader's Permission Required: Jonah Jensen-Young, Jonah71181@aol.com (s5/30-6/17) **BEL**

6/26-6/27, Sun-Mon - Mt Baker, Coleman Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Baker (USGS), Mt Baker-13(GT). Meet at Glacier Ranger Station at 9 AM. Leader: Mark Scheffer, (360) 805-6420, mark_scheffer@yahoo.com (s5/23-6/23) **SEA**

6/26, Sun - Liberty Bell/Concord Tower Combo Climbing (IR) Washington Pass (USGS). 7,720'. Sign up with Leader: Bill Wood, (206) 255-2723, wwood999@gmail.com (s5/20-6/21) **TAC**

7/1-7/4, Fri-Mon - Snowfield Peak, Neve Glacier Climbing (BG) Diablo Dam (USGS), Diablo Dam-48(GT), Ross Dam (USGS). Meet at Ash Way Park & Ride at 6 AM. Sign up with Leader: Jenni Schwegler, (425) 354-8179, jennischwegler@gmail.com (s5/20-6/27) **EVT**

7/1-7/4, Fri-Mon - Glacier Peak, Disappointment Peak Cleaver Climbing (BG) Glacier Peak East (USGS), Glacier Peak West (USGS). Leader's Permission Required: Jonathan Hawkins, (206) 915-3697, jonathan_hawkins@hotmail.com (s6/6-6/29) **SEA**

7/1-7/3, Fri-Sun - Johannesburg Mtn, SE Arete (Exploratory) Climbing (BR) Cascade Pass (USGS). Meet at Marblemount Ranger Station at 7 AM. Leader's Permission Required:

Dave Morgan, (206) 659-9833, go.climbing@gmail.com (s6/6-6/28) **SEA**

7/1-7/4, Fri-Mon - Mt Olympus, Blue Glacier Climbing (BG) Mt Olympus (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Golan Kedan, (206) 234-6524, golankedan@yahoo.com (s5/1-6/15) **SEA**

7/1-7/5, Fri-Tue - Squamish, Aid Climb Outing Climbing (AID) 3+hrs one way mi, Sign up with Leader: Takeo Kuraishi, (425) 298-5872, takeo.kuraishi@gmail.com (s5/2-6/24) **SEA**

7/2-7/4, Sat-Mon - Glacier Peak, Disappointment Peak Cleaver Climbing (BG) Glacier Peak East (USGS), Glacier Peak West (USGS). Meet at TH at 6 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Susan Chan, (206) 240-6412, leadmade@gmail.com (s4/15-6/27) **SEA**

7/2-7/4, Sat-Mon - Mt Adams, Adams Glacier Climbing (II) Blue Lake-334(GT), Mt Adams East (USGS), Mt Adams West (USGS), Mt Adams West-366(GT). 0 mi, 12276'. Leader's Permission Required: Colt DeWolf, (206) 352-9113, colt0045@gmail.com (s6/20-6/24) **SEA**

7/2-7/4, Sat-Mon - Mt Triumph, NE Ridge Climbing (IR) Mt Triumph (USGS). 0 mi, 7270'. Leader's Permission Required: Pete Ray, (206) 291-3217, prayemail@gmail.com (s5/1-7/1) **SEA**

7/2-7/3, Sat-Sun - Little Tahoma, E Shoulder Climbing (BG) Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT). Sign up with Leader: Michael Delmonte, (253) 862-2785, snargs@comcast.net (s5/21-6/25) **TAC**

7/3, Sun - Colchuck Peak, E Route Climbing (BA) Meet at Leavenworth at 5:30 AM. Leader: Don Schaechtel, (509) 548-9967, don.safety@nwi.net (s6/21-6/30) **SEA**

naturalists

5/21, Sat - Robinson Canyon-Study Group Naturalists (M) 6-10 mi, 1000'. Meet at Robinson Canyon Parking Lot at 7 AM. Leader: Stewart Hougen, (206) 528-5899, sehouden@comcast.net (s5/1-5/16) **SEA**

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5/7, Sat - Elliott Bay Marina - SM Meet at Elliott Bay at 11 AM. Leader: Stephen Martin, (206) 214-8528, stephenmartin@yahoo.com (s5/5-5/6) **SEA**

5/7, Sat - Shilshole Marina-AV Meet at Shilshole Bay Marina Dock "E" at 11 AM. Leader: Alan Vogt, (206) 295-8788, avogt@speakeasy.net (s5/5-5/6) **SEA**

5/8, Sun - Shilshole Marina-AV Meet at Shilshole at 1 PM. Leader: Alan Vogt, (206) 295-8788, avogt@speakeasy.net (s5/5-5/7) **SEA**

5/11, Wed - Shilshole Bay HT Meet at Shilshole at 6:30 PM. Leader: Harold Tobie, (206) 242-9658, haltobie@aol.com (s5/5-5/10) **SEA**

5/11, Wed - Shilshole Marina-AV Meet at Shilshole at 6 PM. Leader: Alan Vogt, (206) 295-8788, avogt@speakeasy.net (s5/5-5/10) **SEA**

5/11, Wed - Shilshole Marina-MB Meet at Shilsholw at 6 PM. Leader: Michael Brough, (206) 782-6892, mikeb@zipcon.com (s5/5-5/10) **SEA**

5/12, Thu - Elliott Bay Marina - SM Meet at Elliott Bay at 5:30 PM. Leader: Stephen Martin, (206) 214-8528, stephenmartin@yahoo.com (s5/5-5/11) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Elliott Bay Marina-RC Meet at Elliott Bay at 11 AM. Leader: Rich Clapp, (206) 719-1257, clapprich@aol.com (s5/6-5/13) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Shilshole Bay HT Meet at Shilshole at 11 AM. Leader: Harold Tobie, (206) 242-9658, haltobie@aol.com (s4/11-5/13) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Shilshole Marina-JE Meet at Shilshole at 10 AM. Leader: Jack Eichmann, (425) 761-5617, eichmj@hotmail.com (s5/6-5/13) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Shilshole Marina-MB Meet at Shilshole at 11 AM. Leader: Michael Brough, (206) 782-6892, mikeb@zipcon.com (s5/6-5/13) **SEA**

5/15, Sun - Shilshole Marina-AV Meet at Shilshole at 1 PM. Leader: Alan Vogt, (206) 295-8788, avogt@speakeasy.net (s5/6-5/14) **SEA**

5/15, Sun - Shilshole Marina-JE - Grads Only Leader: Jack Eichmann, (425) 761-5617, eichmj@hotmail.com (s3/31-5/8) **SEA**

5/17, Tue - Shilshole Marina-MB Meet at Shilshole at 6 PM. Leader: Michael Brough, (206) 782-6892, mikeb@zipcon.com

(s5/6-5/16) **SEA**

5/18, Wed - Shilshole Bay HT Meet at Shilshole at 6:30 PM. Leader: Harold Tobie, (206) 242-9658, haltobie@aol.com (s5/6-5/17) **SEA**

5/18, Wed - Shilshole Marina-AV Meet at Shilshole at 6 PM. Leader: Alan Vogt, (206) 295-8788, avogt@speakeasy.net (s5/6-5/17) **SEA**

5/21, Sat - Elliott Bay Marina-RC Meet at Elliott Bay at 11 AM. Leader: Rich Clapp, (206) 719-1257, clapprich@aol.com (s5/6-5/20) **SEA**

5/21, Sat - Shilshole Marina-JE Meet at Shilshole at 10 AM. Leader: Jack Eichmann, (425) 761-5617, eichmj@hotmail.com (s5/6-5/20) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Shilshole Marina-JE - Grads Only Leader: Jack Eichmann, (425) 761-5617, eichmj@hotmail.com (s4/11-5/15) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Shilshole Marina-MB Leader: Michael Brough, (206) 782-6892, mikeb@zipcon.com (s5/6-5/21) **SEA**

5/28, Sat - Elliott Bay Marina-RC Meet at Elliott Bay at 11 AM. Leader: Rich Clapp, (206) 719-1257, clapprich@aol.com (s5/6-5/27) **SEA**

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5/1, Sun - Camp Muir (winter) (WS) Mt Rainier East (USGS). 0 mi, 0'. Meet at Paradise Visitor Center at 7 AM. Leader's permission required: Dave Morgan, (206) 659-9833, go.climbing@gmail.com (s4/20-4/27) **SEA**

5/6-5/7, Fri-Sat - Mt. St. Helens (Monitor Ridge) 8363 Climbing (S5T4) Mt St Helens (USGS). 12 mi, 5700'. Meet at Newcastle P&R at 5 PM. Sign up with Leader: Stephen Bobick, (425) 653-5526, sbobick2@gmail.com (s4/10-5/2) **EVT**

5/7, Sat - Cowboy Mtn, 5853 (S2T2) Stevens Pass (USGS). 3 mi, 1800'. Meet at Stevens Pass at 8 AM. Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-3081, mmsween@frontier.com (s4/18-5/5) **SEA**

5/7, Sat - W Granite (S3T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 8 mi, 4000'. Meet at Issaquah Transit Center at 7 AM. Leader: Dennis Piontek, (206) 321-0736, dpiontek2@hotmail.com (s4/11-5/6) **SEA**

5/8, Sun - Copper & Iron, 6303 & 6200 (S4T3) Mt Rainier West (USGS). 12 mi, 4000'. Meet at Kautz Creek TH at 8 AM. Leader: Chuck Powrie, (425) 333-0535, cpowrie@centurytel.net (s4/26-

5/5) **SEA**

5/11, Wed - Bandera, 5241 (S3T2) Bandera (USGS). 8 mi, 3000'. Meet at I-90 Exit 20 High Point Way at 4:30 PM. Leader: Lynn Graf, (206) 632-8117, lynn.graf@gmail.com (s5/2-5/10) **SEA**

5/12, Thu - Mt Ellinor, 5944 (S3T3) Mt Skokomish (USGS). 6 mi, 3200'. Meet at TBD at 8 AM. Leader: Fritz Klein, (206) 527-1836, frederick.w.klein@boeing.com (s4/25-5/10) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Denny, 5520 - Students Only (S2T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 6 mi, 2500'. Meet at Alpentah parking lot at 7:30 AM. Leader: Mike Beeman, (360) 668-8475, michaelbeeman@comcast.net (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/14, Sat - Guye Peak, 5168 (S2T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 5 mi, 2200'. Meet at Alpentah Parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: Mike Mashock, (425) 335-5174, mjmash@comcast.net (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/14, Sat - Kendall Peak (S3T2) Chikamin Peak (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 10 mi, 2800'. Meet at Alpentah parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: Lyle Harvey, (425) 337-4253, lyleharvey@waldimports.com (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/14, Sat - Snoqualmie Mtn, 6278 (S3T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 6 mi, 3200'. Meet at Alpentah Parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: David Bliss, (425) 870-0722, blissfrog@hotmail.com (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/15, Sun - Guye Peak, 5168 (S2T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 5 mi, 2200'. Meet at Alpentah Parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: Mike Mashock, (425) 335-5174, mjmash@comcast.net (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/15, Sun - Kendall Peak (S3T2) Chikamin Peak (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 10 mi, 2800'. Meet at Alpentah parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: Brian Booth, (206) 783-0409, bbooth626@yahoo.com (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/15, Sun - Snoqualmie Mtn, 6278 (S3T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 6 mi, 3200'. Meet at Alpentah Parking lot at 8. Leader's permission required: David Bliss, (425) 870-0722, blissfrog@hotmail.com (s3/10-5/12) **EVT**

5/15, Sun - Defiance (5584) & Bandera (5241) (S4T3) Bandera (USGS). 11 mi, 4800'. Leader: Craig S., craig.mountaineers@gmail.com (s4/25-5/14) **SEA**

5/20-5/22, Fri-Sun - Mt St Helens, 8363 (S5T4) Mt St Helens (USGS). 12 mi, 5660'. Meet

at SE8th/I-405 P&R at 12 PM. Members: \$22. Leader: Lyle Harvey, (425) 337-4253, lyleharvey@waldimports.com (s5/4-5/18) **EVT**

5/21, Sat - Denny, 5520 (S2T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS), Snoqualmie Pass-207(GT). 6 mi, 2500'. Meet at Alpentah Ski Area at 8 AM. Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-3081, mmsween@frontier.com (s5/2-5/19) **SEA**

5/22, Sun - Mt Ellinor, 5944 (S3T3) Mt Skokomish (USGS). 6 mi, 3200'. Meet at Shelton P&R at Railroad Ave. exit at 7:30 AM. Sign up with Leader: Shannon McCary, (360) 870-0611, shannonndaring@hotmail.com (s4/24-5/18) **OLY**

5/22, Sun - Bills 6917 (S3T4) Mt Stuart (USGS). 8 mi, 3500'. Meet at Trailhead at 9 AM. Leader: Don Schaechtel, (509) 548-9967, don.safety@nwi.net (s5/10-5/19) **SEA**

5/25, Wed - Guye Peak, 5168 (S2T3) Snoqualmie Pass (USGS). 5 mi, 2200'. Meet at See Leader Notes at 4:30 PM. Leader: Robert Mac Onie, (253) 639-0698, rmaconie@comcast.net (s5/16-5/24) **SEA**

6/4, Sat - Exploratory Meet at Mowich Lake at 8 AM. Leader's permission required: Dave Morgan, (206) 659-9833, go.climbing@gmail.com (s5/9-6/1) **SEA**

6/4, Sat - Guye & Snoqualmie, 5168 & 6278 (S3T3) Snoqualmie Lake (USGS). 7 mi, 3700'. Leader: Craig S., craig.mountaineers@gmail.com (s5/16-6/3) **TAC**

6/5, Sun - Bryant & Hemlock, 5801 & 5560 (S3T4) Snoqualmie Lake (USGS). 8 mi, 3900'. Leader: Craig S., craig.mountaineers@gmail.com (s5/16-6/3) **SEA**

6/11, Sat - Bandera, 5241 (S3T2) Bandera (USGS). 8 mi, 3000'. Meet at Mason Lk TH at 8 AM. Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-3081, mmsween@frontier.com (s5/16-6/9) **SEA**

6/11, Sat - Mailbox Peak, 4841 Chester Morse Lake (USGS). 7 mi, 4050'. Leader: Craig S., craig.mountaineers@gmail.com (s5/23-6/10) **TAC**

6/12, Sun - Tamanos Mtn, Owyhigh Lakes TH, 6790' (S3T3) Chinook Pass (USGS), White River Park (USGS). 11 mi, 3000'. Meet at Martin Way P&R at 6 AM. Leader: Dean Taylor, (360) 705-1857, areal342@comcast.net (s5/23-6/9) **OLY**

6/18, Sat - Carne, 7085 (S3T2) Trinity (USGS). 8 mi, 3600'. Meet at Phelps Cr TH at 8 AM. Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-3081, mmsween@frontier.com (s5/30-6/16) **SEA**

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6/18, Sat - Exploratory Meet at Snow Lakes TH at 6 AM. Leader's permission required: Dave Morgan, (206) 659-9833, go.climbing@gmail.com (s5/23-6/15) **SEA**

6/22, Wed - Red (Commonwealth Basin), 5890 (S3T3) Snoqualmie Lake (USGS). 9 mi, 2900'. Meet at I-90 Exit 20 High Point Way at 4:30 PM. Leader: Lynn Graf, (206) 632-8117, lynn.graf@gmail.com (s6/13-6/21) **SEA**

6/25, Sat - Del Campo, 6610 (S4T5) Bedal (USGS), Monte Cristo (USGS). 10 mi, 4500'. Meet at Barlow Pass at 7 AM. Leader: Peter Clitherow, (206) 632-9844, pc22@zipcon.com (s4/1-6/23) **SEA**

6/25, Sat - Vesper Peak, 6214 (S3T3) Bedal (USGS), Silverton (USGS). 8 mi, 4000'. Meet at TH at 8 AM. Leader: Marla Molskness, (425) 444-3438, marla.molskness@gmail.com (s6/16-6/23) **SEA**

7/1-7/3, Fri-Sun - Oval and Star Peaks (S5T3) Hoodoo Peak (USGS), Oval Peak (USGS), Prince Creek (USGS). Leader's permission required: Fritz Klein, (206) 527-1836, frederick.w.klein@boeing.com (s6/6-6/28) **SEA**

7/2, Sat - Barrier & Governors Ridge, Owyhigh Lakes TH, 6521' & 6614 (S4T5) Chinook Pass (USGS), White River Park (USGS). 12 mi, 5000'. Meet at Safeway,

College St. & Yelm Highway at 6 AM. Sign up with leader: Jeff Foster, (360) 491-3325, tenpeak@comcast.net (s5/1-6/30) **OLY**

7/2, Sat - Mailbox Peak, 4841 Chester Morse Lake (USGS). 7 mi, 4050'. Sign up with Leader: Craig S., craig.mountaineers@gmail.com (s4/2-7/1) **SEA**

7/6, Wed - Banana Ridge ~ 5200 (S3T3) Bandera (USGS). 8 mi, 4000'. Meet at Exit 20 at 4:30 PM. Leader: Richard Burt, (206) 632-8117, richard.d.burt@gmail.com (s6/27-7/4) **SEA**

sea kayaking

5/7, Sat - Gig Harbor to Point Richmond (II+) 10.5 nm, Meet at Gig Harbor Boat Launch at 10 AM. Leader's permission required: Michael Everett, (253) 279-2825, mikeedvm@aol.com (s4/10-5/6) **TAC**

5/7, Sat - Suquamish to Fay Bainbridge State Park (II+) Seattle, Bainbridge Island, Bremerton and Liberty Bay - WA202 (SeaTrails). 7nm, Meet at Suquamish Museum at 10 AM. Sign up with leader: Vern Brown, (360) 626-3963, vern@vern-brown.com (s4/15-5/5) **TAC**

5/8, Sun - Ketron Island (II) Meet at Steilacoom Ferry Landing at 9:30 AM. Leader's permission required: Michael Everett, (253) 279-2825, mikeedvm@aol.com (s4/10-5/6) **TAC**

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5/15, Sun - Commencement Bay (II+) 10 mi, Meet at Thea's Park at 9 AM. Leader's permission required: Michael Everett, (253) 279-2825, mikeedvm@aol.com (s4/10-5/13) **TAC**

6/12, Sun - Blake Island Leader's permission required: Laurie Davis, (206) 403-6924, lauriegirl2@comcast.net (s4/15-6/3) **TAC**

ski/snowboard

5/6-5/8, Fri-Sun - Royal Basin Skiing (M2) Tyler Peak-136(GT). 14 mi, 2500'. Meet at Edmonds Ferry at 7 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Tab Wilkins, (253) 468-8713, tabmountaineers@hotmail.com (s2/15-5/4) **SEA**

5/7-5/8, Sat-Sun - Mt St Helens Skiing (M2) Mt St Helens-364(GT). 8 mi, 5700'. Meet at Grady Way PnR at 11 AM. Leader: Fred Bumstead, (206) 227-5276, fredericb@yahoo.com (s4/17-5/2) **FH**

5/8, Sun - Earl Peak Skiing (M2) Mt Stuart (USGS). 14 mi, 4100'. Meet at Issaquah P@R bottom floor. at 7 AM. Leader: Hans Schneeberger, (425) 673-0589, resuntqi@frontier.com (s4/25-5/5) **FH**

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Mt Adams Skiing (M2-M3) Mt Adams East (USGS). 8 mi, 6300'. Meet at TBD at 8 AM. Leader's Permission

Required: Randy Oakley, (425) 736-6493, randyaoa@microsoft.com (s4/1-5/1) **FH**

5/20-5/21, Fri-Sat - Mt St Helens Skiing (M2) Mt St Helens-364(GT). 8 mi, 5700'. Members: \$22. Sign up with Leader: Chuck Cerveney, (206) 525-6060, ccerveney@earthlink.net (s4/1-5/13) **FH**

5/28-5/30, Sat-Mon - Leaders Choice M2G Route Skiing (M2G) 8-20 mi, >2500'. Meet at TBD at 6 AM. Leader's Permission Required: James Hamaker, (206) 819-5561, jhamaker@operamail.com (s3/11-5/25) **TAC**

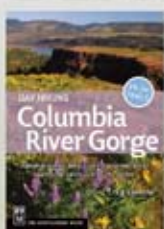
6/11, Sat - Paradise Glacier Skiing (M2G) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). 7 mi, 3400'. Leader: Dave Seman, (425) 485-8019, dave.seman@kpff.com (s10/30-6/8) **SEA**

6/19, Sun - Van Trump Park Skiing (M2) Mt Rainier West-269(GT). 10 mi, 4500'. Meet at 65th St. P&R I-5 at 6 AM. Leader: Hans Schneeberger, (425) 673-0589, resuntqi@frontier.com (s6/9-6/16) **FH**

6/25, Sat - Mt Baker Backcountry Weekend Skiing (M2) Mt Shuksan (USGS), Mt Shuksan-14(GT). Leader: Dave Seman, (425) 485-8019, dave.seman@kpff.com (s10/30-6/22) **SEA**

7/2, Sat - Camp Muir Skiing (M2) Mt Rainier East-270(GT). 9 mi, 4600'. Meet at Green Lake P&R at 6 AM. Leader: Chuck Cerveney, (206) 525-6060, ccerveney@earthlink.net (s6/1-6/26) **FH**

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backpacking

5/5, Thu - Light Weight Hiking and Backpacking Seminar BP Hiking. Meet at Issaquah REI at 6:30 PM. Leader's Permission Required: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com (s1/14-4/20) **FH**

5/9, Mon - Light & Healthy Backpack Food Made Simple (BP) Hiking. Meet at Issaquah REI at 7 PM. Leader's Permission Required: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com (s1/14-4/20) **FH**

5/19-5/26, Thu-Thu - Backpacking Course - Seattle Backpacking. Meet at Seattle Program Center at 7 PM. Members: \$50, Non-members: \$55. Leader: Mary Rohlman, (206) 724-8403, MRohlman@gmail.com (s4/11-5/19) **SEA**

6/25-6/26, Sat-Sun - Ingalls Creek LNT Trainer Course Backpacking (EM) Mt Stuart-209(GT). 11 mi, 1450'. Members: \$75, Non-members: \$100. Leader: Mary Rohlman, (206) 724-8403, MRohlman@gmail.com (s3/22-6/17)

climbing

5/2-6/5, Mon-Sun - Introduction to Rock Climbing Course - Getting Started Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Members: \$180, Non-members: \$200. Leader: Andrew Weygandt, (253) 441-0215, mtndrew@gmail.com (s2/7-5/1) **SEA**

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Basic Climbing Course Snow 2 FT (Easton Glacier) Climbing Leader's Permission Required: Nicholas Mayo, (360) 568-7308, nicholas.e.mayo@gmail.com (s5/14-5/14) **EVT**

5/14, Sat - Experience Rock Climbing - Outdoor - Getting Started Seattle Climbing. Meet at TBD at 9 AM. Members: \$35, Non-members: \$45. Leader: Adam Hollinger, (206) 714-4140, adamcwru@gmail.com (s4/16-5/12) **SEA**

5/18, Wed - Experience Rock Climbing - Getting Started Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Members: \$25, Non-members:

\$35. Leader: Jim Nelson, (206) 329-1073, Jim@promountain-sports.com (s4/8-5/18) **SEA**
5/24, Tue - Learn to Belay - Getting Started Climbing. Meet at Magnuson Park Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Members: \$25, Non-members: \$35. Leader: Becca Polglase, (860) 307-3880, beccap@mountaineers.org (s4/8-5/25) **SEA**

6/12, Sun - Tacoma BRGCC FT 7: Hard Snow / MRNP Paradise Climbing Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT), Mt Rainier National Park - 217 (NGTI). Meet at MRNP Paradise at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mike Lund, (425) 271-5891, enzolund@yahoo.com (s6/12-6/12) **TAC**

6/23-7/30, Thu-Sat - AMPE-Advanced Multi Pitch Efficiency Climbing (CRG) Members: \$425, Non-members: \$525. Leader's Permission Required: Loni Uchytel, (206) 440-3007, loniuchytel@msn.com (s2/1-6/1) **SEA**

conservation

5/7-Sat - Conservation on the Ground: Index Town Wall Meet at Monroe Smokestack at 9 AM. Hike above Index Town Wall to Reiter. Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

5/12-Thu - Conservation Lecture- Rosalie Edge: The Activist Who Saved Nature from the Conservationists Mountaineers Program Center - Seattle at 7 PM. No Registration Required, Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

6/18-Sat - Conservation on the Ground: Church Creek Both moderate and strenuous hike options. Contact leader: Jim French, (360) 754-6551, jimfrenchwa@comcast.net.

6/25-26 -Sat-Sun - Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Ingalls Creek Trail Backpacking and intensive training. Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

6/27 - Mon - Leave No Trace Backyard Session Mountaineers Program Center, 7 PM. Land managers, educators and recreation leaders join for an evening of learning and networking. Details TBA. Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

7/9 - Sat - Conservation on the Ground: Small Hydro in North Cascades Hike to Ruth and Swamp Creeks. Leader: Sarah Krueger, (206) 521-6012, sarahk@mountaineers.org.

family activity

5/25, Wed - Camping 101 with Kids Family Activities (E) Meet at Tacoma Branch Clubhouse at 6:30 PM. Leader: Kathleen Brammer, (253) 896-4849, brammerka@comcast.net (s4/1-5/25) **TAC**

first aid

5/28-5/29, Sat-Sun - AFA Wilderness First Aid (RMI) - Seattle (Fee) Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at Magnuson Park at 7:45 AM. Members: \$125, Non-members: \$175. Leader: Mary Panza, (206) 755-1254, makinanoise@hotmail.com (s3/1-5/25) **SEA**

6/8, Wed - AFA Scenarios - Seattle (Responder) Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s3/1-6/5) **SEA**

7/9-7/10, Sat-Sun - AFA Wilderness First Aid (RMI) - Seattle (Fee) Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at Magnuson Park at 7:45 AM. Members: \$125, Non-members: \$175. Leader: Mary Panza, (206) 755-1254, makinanoise@hotmail.com (s3/1-7/6) **SEA**

hiking

5/1-10/15, Sun-Sat - PCT Series LEADERS Hiking (S) Members: \$50. Leader's Permission Required: Chris Caviezel, (425) 434-0552, nordic.chris@gmail.com (s1/14-5/1) **FH**

5/3-5/24, Tue-Tue - Wilderness Skills - Olympia - Getting Started Hiking Meet at Knox Center at 6:30 PM. Leader: Jim French, (360) 754-6551, jimfrenchwa@comcast.net (s1/8-5/3) **OLY**

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course/seminar events

hiking

5/4-Wed - Hike Leader Seminar
Hiking. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 7 PM. Leader: Susan Graham, (253) 639-0425, mudonmyboots@yahoo.com (s1/3-5/4) **SEA**

5/16, Mon - Introduction to Hiking & Backpacking - Tacoma Branch Hiking. Meet at Tacoma Program Center at 6:45 PM. Members: \$5, Non-members: \$5. Leader: Amy Mann, (253) 759-2796, agmann@comcast.net (s1/1-5/16) **TAC**

5/26, Thu - Beginning Hiking Seminar - Getting Started
Hiking Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Leader: Michael Arriaga, (206) 718-8924, evtmountaineer@yahoo.com (s4/22-5/26) **SEA**

6/16, Thu - Beginning Hiking Seminar- Getting Started Hiking Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 6:30 PM. Leader: Michael Arriaga, (206) 718-8924, evtmountaineer@yahoo.com (s5/20-6/16) **SEA**

6/28, Tue - Introduction to Hiking & Backpacking - Tacoma Branch Hiking Meet at Tacoma Program Center at 6:45 PM. Members: \$5, Non-members: \$5. Leader: Amy Mann, (253)

759-2796, agmann@comcast.net (s1/1-6/28) **TAC**

6/9, Thu - Hike Leader Seminar - Seattle Hiking Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 7 PM. Leader: Susan Graham, (253) 639-0425, mudonmyboots@yahoo.com (s1/3-6/9) **SEA**

naturalists

5/17-7/31, Tue-Sun - Introduction to the Natural World - Getting Started Naturalists. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at

Magnuson Park, Seattle at 7 PM. Members: \$75, Non-members: \$115. Leader: Dave Shema, (206) 525-0339, david.shema@gmail.com (s2/14-5/10) **SEA**

scrambling

5/14, Sat - Everett Alpine Scramble Experience Field Trip - INSTRUCTORS Alpine Scrambling. Meet at Alpentel parking lot at 7 AM. Leader: Greg Marsh, (425) 486-9126, cascadedreams@hotmail.com (s3/23-5/11) **EVT**

prerequisites (courses & seminars)

climbing

5/1, Sun - Friction Climbing for Basics - Leavenworth - Students Only Climbing. Meet at Kristall's Restaurant, Leavenworth at 8:30 AM. Members: \$35. Leader: Cebe Wallace, (206) 842-3409, cebe.wallace@gmail.com (s4/8-4/29)

5/1, Sun - Leavenworth - Barney's Rubble Climbing (IR) Sign up with Leader: Mindy Roberts, (253) 752-3547, jefacita@gmail.com (s3/1-4/28) **TAC**

5/7-5/8, Sat-Sun - Basic Climbing Course FT 4 Rock 1 - INSTRUCTORS Climbing Leader: Bud Truitt, (253) 503-3814, truitt-bljt@comcast.net (s2/1-5/6) **TAC**

5/7, Sat - BRGCC FT 4 - Rock I, Magnuson Park Climbing. Meet at Magnuson Park at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mike Lund, (425) 271-5891, enzolund@yahoo.com (s5/7-5/7) **TAC**

5/11, Wed - BRGCC Lecture 5 Climbing. Meet at Tacoma Clubhouse at 7 PM. Sign up with Leader: Curtis Stock, (425) 226-9023, cstock34@msn.com (s5/11-5/11) **SEA**

5/14-5/15, Sat-Sun - Friction Climbing for Intermediates Climbing (IR) Meet at Kristall's Restaurant at 8:30 AM. Members: \$50. Leader: Cebe Wallace, (206) 842-3409, cebe.wallace@gmail.com (s4/11-5/13) **SEA**

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Basic Climbing Course FT 5: Rock II - INSTRUCTORS Climbing Leader: Thomas Labrie, (360) 710-6577, ayankeehousewright@hotmail.com (s2/1-5/20) **TAC**

5/21-5/22, Sat-Sun - Leavenworth - B. Rubble, B Boulder,

Rotowall Climbing (BR) Leavenworth (USGS). Sign up with Leader: Bill Wood, (206) 255-2723, wwood999@gmail.com (s5/1-5/15) **TAC**

5/21, Sat - BRGCC FT 5 - Rock 2, Leavenworth Climbing. Meet at Bruce's Boulder / Icicle Creek at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mike Lund, (425) 271-5891, enzolund@yahoo.com (s5/21-5/21) **TAC**

6/1, Wed - Advanced Alpine Rock Course - Seattle Climbing Members: \$400, Non-members: \$500. Leader's Permission Required: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@gmail.com (s3/2-5/5) **SEA**

6/1, Wed - BRGCC FT 6 Prep: Crevasse Rescue, Tacoma Clubhouse Climbing. Meet at Tacoma Clubhouse at 6:30 PM. Sign up with Leader: Mike Lund, (425) 271-5891, enzolund@yahoo.com (s6/1-6/1) **TAC**

6/2, Thu - Advanced Alpine Rock Course - Seattle Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers HQ - Magnuson Park at 6:30 PM. Leader's Permission Required: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@gmail.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

6/4-6/5, Sat-Sun - Basic Snow 2/Crevasse Rescue Field Trip (Baker/Easton) Climbing. Meet at Schreiber Meadows TH at 8 AM. Leader's Permission Required: Michael Raymond, (360) 437-9379, mike-elaine@q.com (s4/11-6/1) **KIT**

6/9-7/10, Thu-Sun - Intermediate Glacier Climbing Climbing (BG) Members: \$100, Non-members: \$150. Sign up with Leader: Shannon Pahl, (425) 922-1820, shannonpahl@gmail.com (s1/1-6/5) **EVT**

6/9, Thu - Advanced Alpine

Rock Course - Seattle Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers HQ - Magnuson Park at 6:30 PM. Sign up with Leader: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@gmail.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

6/11, Sat - Basic Climbing Course FT 6 Crevasse Rescue - INSTRUCTORS Climbing Leader: Thomas Labrie, (360) 710-6577, ayankeehousewright@hotmail.com (s2/1-6/10) **TAC**

6/11, Sat - BRGCC FT 6: Crevasse Rescue, MRNP Paradise Climbing Mt Rainier East (USGS), Mt Rainier East-270(GT), Mt Rainier National Park - 217 (NGTI), Mt Rainier NP Hiking Guide & Map (EP), Mt Rainier West (USGS), Mt Rainier West-269(GT). Meet at MRNP Paradise at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Mike Lund, (425) 271-5891, enzolund@yahoo.com (s6/11-6/11) **TAC**

6/12, Sun - Basic Climbing Course FT 7 Hard Snow - INSTRUCTORS Climbing Leader: Thomas Labrie, (360) 710-6577, ayankeehousewright@hotmail.com (s2/1-6/10) **TAC**

6/16, Thu - Advanced Alpine Rock Course - Seattle Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers HQ - Magnuson Park at 6:30 PM. Sign up with Leader: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@gmail.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

6/18-6/19, Sat-Sun - Intermediate Rock 2 Field Trip (Leavenworth) Climbing Sign up with Leader: Nathan Reed, (360) 676-4714, nr-Shoponline55@comcast.net (s6/13-6/13) **BEL**

6/23, Thu - Advanced Alpine Rock Course - Seattle Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers HQ - Magnuson Park at 6:30 PM. Sign up with Leader: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@

gmail.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

7/2, Sat - Advanced Alpine Rock Course - Seattle Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers HQ - Magnuson Park at 8 AM. Sign up with Leader: Chris Dessert, (206) 769-2387, christopher.dessert@gmail.com (s5/1-6/1) **SEA**

first aid

5/28-5/29, Sat-Sun - AFA Wilderness First Aid (RMI) - Seattle (Compensated) Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 7:45 AM. Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s3/1-5/25) **SEA**

7/9-7/10, Sat-Sun - AFA Wilderness First Aid (RMI) - Seattle (Compensated) Climbing. Meet at Mountaineers Program Center at 7:45 AM. Leader: Jeff Panza, (206) 755-9962, scramblebear@gmail.com (s3/1-7/5) **SEA**

hiking

5/15, Sun - Basic Wilderness Travel Navigation Field Trip Hiking Meet at Seattle Program Center at 9 AM. Leader: Susan Graham, (253) 639-0425, mudonmyboots@yahoo.com (s4/5-5/13) **SEA**

6/4, Sat - Basic Wilderness Travel Stewardship Field Trip Hiking (EM) Meet at TBD at 7:30 AM. Leader: Susan Graham, (253) 639-0425, mudonmyboots@yahoo.com (s4/5-6/2) **SEA**

scrambling

5/7, Sat - McCleary Cliffs/ Olympia Rock Scrambling Field Trip - Students Only 1 mi, 300'.

Leader's Permission Required:
Bob Keranen, (360) 462-1882,
keranen@hcc.net (s2/15-5/7) **OLY**

5/14, Sat - Alpine Scrambling Rock Field Trip - Students Only Meet at Icicle Creek at 8 AM.

Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-
3081, mmsween@frontier.com
(s1/4-5/12) **SEA**

5/15, Sun - Alpine Scrambling Rock Field Trip - Students Only Meet at Icicle Creek at 8 AM.

Leader: Mike Sweeney, (425) 417-
3081, mmsween@frontier.com
(s1/4-5/12) **SEA**

5/28-5/29, Sat-Sun - Mt Washington / Mt Ellinor - Stu-

dents Only (S3T3) Mt Washington
(USGS). 8 mi, 3200'. Leader's
Permission Required: Bob Ker-
anen, (360) 462-1882, keranen@
hcc.net (s4/15-5/28) **OLY**

5/31-10/30, Tue-Tue - Advanced Scrambles & Leadership-Taco- ma Meet at Tacoma Clubhouse at 6:30 PM. Members: \$100, Non- members: \$173. Leader: Larry Dunn, mtnhiker06@juno.com (s3/2-5/29) **TAC**

6/4, Sat - Alpine Scrambling Experience Field Trip - Stu- dents Only Enchantment Lakes (USGS), Mt Stuart (USGS). Meet at Teanaway at 8 AM. Leader: Mary Panza, (206) 755-1254, makinanoise@hotmail.com (s1/4- 6/1) **SEA**

6/5, Sun - Alpine Scrambling Experience Field Trip - Stu- dents Only Enchantment Lakes (USGS), Mt Stuart (USGS). Meet at Teanaway at 8 AM. Leader:

Mary Panza, (206) 755-1254,
makinanoise@hotmail.com (s1/4-
6/1) **SEA**

sea kayaking

5/7, Sat - Seattle Sound/Salt- Water Instructional Paddle

Students Only. Meet at Seahurst
Park at 8 AM. Leader: Dede
Chinlund, (206) 935-3960, dchin-
lund@comcast.net (s1/1-4/29)
SEA

5/8, Sun - Seattle Sound/Salt- Water Instructional Paddle - Students Only Meet at Seahurst Park at 8 AM. Leader: Alice Laird, (253) 856-1016, albola@dmsn. com (s1/1-5/2) **SEA**

5/14, Sat - Seattle Sound/ Salt-Water Instructional Paddle - Students Only Meet at Golden

Gardens, Ballard at 8 AM. Leader:
Mark Baron, (206) 293-0165,
mark-baron@clearwire.net (s1/1-
5/6) **SEA**

5/15, Sun - ACA Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues (II) Members: \$35. Leader's Perm- ission Required: Kirt Lenard, (425) 894-7790, kirlen2000@yahoo. com (s3/28-5/6) **SEA**

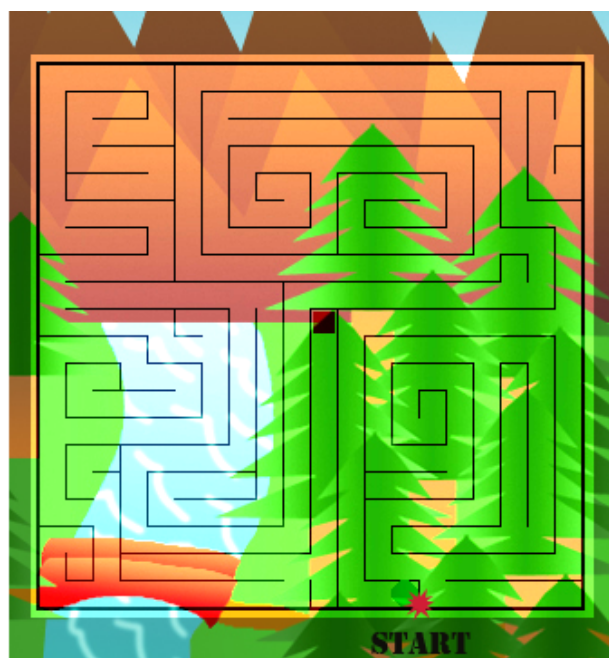
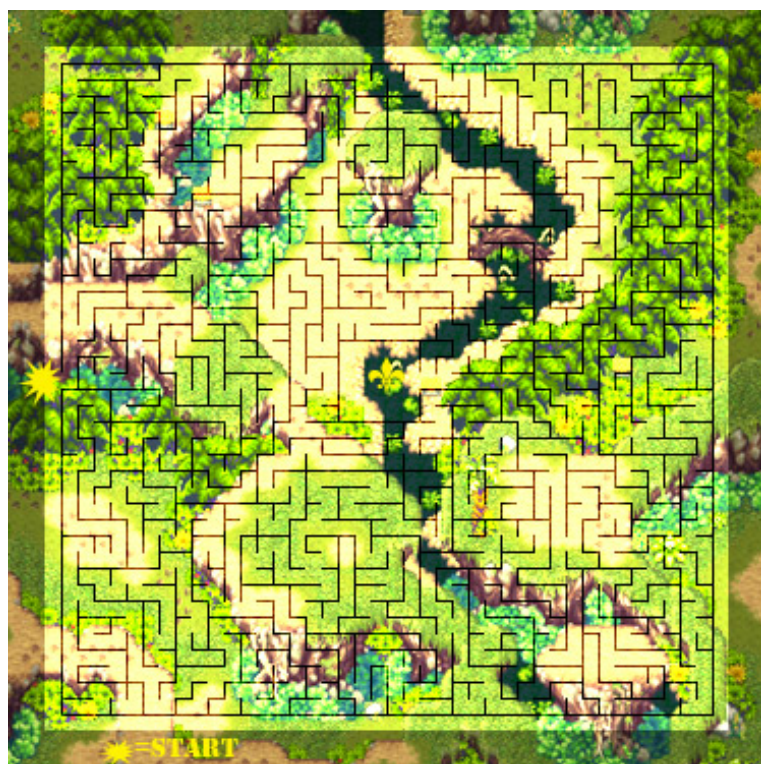
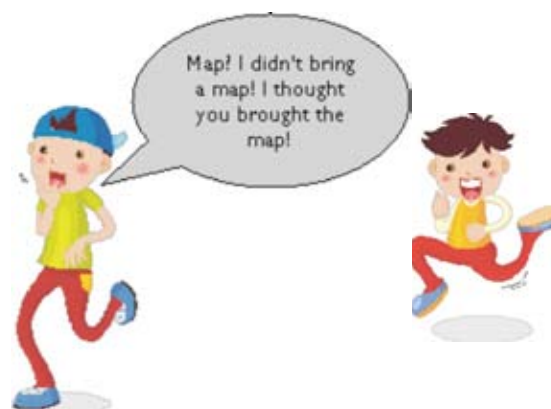
5/15, Sun - Seattle Sound/ Salt-Water Instructional Paddle - Students Only Meet at Golden Gardens, Ballard at 8 AM. Leader: Ed Hand, (425) 691-8659, dna- hej@yahoo.com (s1/1-5/6) **SEA**

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