



The
Mountaineers

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Welcome to Leader Lines,

In this edition of LeaderLines, a monthly eNewsletter written especially for Mountaineers volunteer leaders, we encourage you to sign up for our annual Leadership Conference, share a great resource for integrating low impact recreation skills into your courses, and invite you to head to the Methow Valley for Winter Trails Weekend. We also have an update for you on our risk management review process. As always, all of this applies to someone, but we don't expect everyone one to be interested in all of it. Take a look and see what applies to your unique role in The Mountaineers - or your life in general.

We [welcome your suggestions](#) for future story ideas and thank you for all the ways you support our mission.

**Happy Trails,
Mountaineers Staff**

Last chance to sign up for The Mountaineers Leadership Conference!

As a dynamic and devoted Mountaineer leader, we would love to support your personal and professional development. The entire day is geared toward giving you the tools you need to be successful within and outside of The Mountaineers. Our conference committee has designed a day of active learning and a chance to collaborate with your fellow leaders. [View the schedule](#) and [register today](#).

Got a friend who isn't a member of The Mountaineers, but would enjoy and benefit from attending the conference. Send them this leader code to give them the \$25 member rate: **FLC16LEADLINE**.

Use our new low-impact recreation videos in your upcoming course!

Are you teaching a course this winter? Want to make sure your students understand Leave No Trace principles and how to be the best possible backcountry stewards? Our [low impact recreational videos](#) translate the principles of Leave No Trace into skills that can be learned and implemented in tandem with the technical skills students learn in Mountaineers courses. We hope these 2 minute videos can be an easy supplemental curriculum to your programs.

Videos include:

- Bathroom skills
- Camping
- Travel
- Food

[Find all videos](#) under the [Conservation](#) tab. We also created a complimentary low-impact skills quiz. Complete the quiz and both you and your students can earn a [low-impact recreation badge](#). [Take the quiz](#) today!

Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski Leaders needed for Winter Trails Weekend!

Celebrate [Winter Trails Weekend](#) January 6-8 in the Methow Valley. The Mountaineers is looking for trip leaders to list one or two trips on either Saturday or Sunday for beginner winter adventurers. The weekend also includes opportunities for sleigh rides, ice skating, fat biking, and wine tasting. This yearly event is always a ton of fun. If you're interested in leading a trip contact Chris Ensor at ctrails@comcast.net and post your trip connected to the [Methow Valley Trails](#) route/place. [Learn more](#) online.

Quick Hits

- **Leader Resource Seminars:** You asked and we set up two additional leader resource seminars on Nov 30 and Dec 13. [Join us!](#)
- **Outdoor Safety Institute's Risk Management Review:** We've heard your questions about the OSI review, so to help alleviate concerns and offer transparency here's an update on the process and what you can expect from the upcoming leader survey. [Learn more.](#)
- **Now that snow is falling** in zee mountains, be on the lookout for these [10 common avalanche safety mistakes.](#)
- **Interested in some better transit options to trailheads** on our public lands? King County, WA is conducting a survey. We encourage you to take a few minutes to [lend your voice.](#)
- **Safety Report: [It happened](#)** in the blink of an eye. Estimated to be the size of a living room recliner. Then the rock hit the ice and exploded - less than 30 feet away.
- **Advocate.** Please take a moment to sign this letter supporting \$120 million in funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), our state's premier grant fund for protecting natural spaces and creating recreational opportunities for all. [Sign today](#) to be part of the solution.
- **For people of color, [hiking isn't always an escape.](#)** "The importance of providing an inclusive, welcoming environment on the trail extends beyond people of color. Anyone who cares about protecting the integrity of and access to great outdoors spaces should care about the issue."
- **Volunteer Spotlight:** Our volunteer instructors and activity leaders are the heart and soul of our branch. This month we celebrate [Deborah Fisher.](#)
- **Who stole my subaru?** "Woman accidentally steals Subaru in most [Portland crime ever.](#)"
- **Tech Updates:** We've fixed our [email deliverability](#) issue with Comcast. Also, we're currently working on creating a Lodge Reservations systems so our lodge visitors can register through our website rather than Brown Paper Tickets. AND we'll soon be selling branded merchandise online, so you can wear your Mountaineers logo everywhere. Keep your eyes peeled for more

on that soon.

- **Remember your chains!** Starting Nov 1, all vehicles are [required to carry tire chains](#) when traveling in Mount Rainier National Park.

Stay Safe Out There!

Leadership Badges: We issued 43 leader badges this November! From sea kayaking to climbing to snowshoeing, the badges represent the diversity of course offerings and are a good sign that we're developing leaders across our organization. Impressively, we also awarded 10 Qualified Youth Leaderbadges. Thank you to all our new youth leaders. Our commitment to future generations of Mountaineers wouldn't be possible without you. And, we awarded 16 "10-plus!" Trip Leader badges. These committed volunteers have led 10 or more trips this year. Nice work!

Thank You Leaders!