



Welcome to LeaderLines,

We're excited to be taking the reins of this great resource to help share the community knowledge of our dedicated volunteer leaders! We look forward to working with you to provide the best possible experience for our members.

In this edition of LeaderLines, we share a few updates from headquarters, including a new prodeal opportunity - Outdoor ProLink - made available to our volunteer leaders! Read-on to find information on how to access the new leader-exclusive benefit.

Do you have ideas for a future edition of LeaderLines? [Tell us](#) what you're working on, what you're proud of, and what you'd like to see! As we settle into our new roles with The Mountaineers, we want to ensure that the information we present is topical, relevant and useful to our volunteer leaders. Thank you for all of the ways you support our mission!

Sara Ramsay & Steve Smith, Education Managers



### **Trip Reports To Help You Spring Into Summer**

How many times have you been on a trail recently, only to have to change your plans last minute because conditions were different than expected? With the ever-changing conditions, it's more important than ever to share your recent trip reports with other

members of our community.

Hikers and climbers are out in droves this time of year to get reacquainted with our green spaces after a winter of dreary weather. We have an unusually deep snowpack this year, and many trails that normally accessible this time of year are still under snow. Help us help each other by sharing your recent trip reports. Learn the [elements of a good trip report](#), how to [share your trip report](#), and read a few of our [favorite trip reports](#) from recent weeks.

[Read more](#)



### **[Influence The Mountaineers' Next Strategic Plan At Our Vision 2022 Town Hall Meetings | Jun 20-22](#)**

The Mountaineers is in the process of creating our new strategic plan. Similarly to our last plan, Vision 2022 is a 5-year plan that will outline the best ways we can continue to carry forward our legacy of volunteer-led outdoor education and conservation advocacy.

We hope to develop a plan that will help us say yes to opportunities where we are best suited to deepen our impact, while giving us the tools to say no to things that are outside of scope. If we are successful in this process, all members of our community will understand who we are, what we do, and how we contribute to outdoor recreation, education, and conservation.

We've established a [committee](#) to help guide this process, and the first step is to gather feedback from members of our community. **Your participation is critical.** We're hosting three town hall sessions in the North Sound, South Sound, and Central Sound from June 20-22. As a leader in this organization you have valuable insights and we hope you will join us.

[RSVP & Learn More](#)



### **What Do We Want? Mountaineers Adventurers! When Do We Want 'Em? Now!**

We are incredibly excited to be launching this year's Our Parks |Your Adventure (OPYA) summer challenge. We launch in just a few days, but we're still hoping a few more folks will sign up to help us reach our goal of 40 adventurers (we are at 25 right now). The OPYA Team members are committed to raising money for The Mountaineers youth programs and we can't wait to watch them complete their personal outdoor challenges this summer - whether testing out a pair of new knees on the trails at Rainier or biking 370 miles counter-clockwise around the Olympic Peninsula.

The challenge supports our youth programs and inspires people to try something they haven't done before. It doesn't have to be crazy or strenuous, just something a little different. If you have an awesome trip coming up, please consider joining our team! All you have to do is commit to raising at least \$100 for The Mountaineers and create a profile on our fundraising website. Our team will be sending fun ways to help engage with your network to raise the funds all summer long. If you are interested click the blue Join Roster button on [our RallyMe fundraising page](#), and Kristina Ciari will be in contact with you for more info!

[Sign Up & Learn More](#)

### **Quick Hits**

- **Sign your waivers!** Currently, our website has a bug that allows leaders to post trips without an updated waiver. We're working on a fix, but in the meantime make sure you update your waiver on your profile page.
- **Growing permit requirements:** As our club grows and as land managers evolve their management plans, The Mountaineers are required to obtain permits for more and more

... Please note that leaders are now required to carry a copy (or image on their phone) when recreating on trails in the Snoqualmie Ranger District. Make sure to check the route/place listing

- **About that Outdoor Prolink Benefit:** Because of your volunteer status with The Mountaineers, you qualify for 90 pro deals through Outdoor Prolink! Remember, standard prodeal rules apply. With these benefits comes a great responsibility to act in good faith, and we trust that you will do so. Follow these instructions to sign up: Go to [www.outdoorprolink.com](http://www.outdoorprolink.com). Look for the blue box on the right-hand side of the screen that reads "Register Today" and select the "Get Started" button to start your application. Fill out Page 1 and 2 with your personal and professional information. On Page 2, put "MVTL2172" under "Application Code" in the bottom right-hand corner. It is very important that you enter the code correctly. On Page 3 of the application, click "Complete Registration" to finish your application. You do not need to upload any documents.
- **We have buffs!** We just added them to our merchandise lineup, and trust us, these are the best thing since cliff bars and Mountain House. They come in [blue](#), [grey](#), and [pink](#).
- **Climbing Denali in Winter:** Two Washington climbers were the [first to summit Denali](#) at the outset of the 2017 climbing season, arriving at the top of North America's highest peak, and lingering for only a minute in the sub-50-below temperatures.
- **On empowerment:** "Feeling empowered is something you have to take." - [Lynn Hill](#) in Adventure Journal's "[Let's Talk About Women and Men and the Outdoors.](#)"
- **Andragogy:** [The Art of Teaching Adult Learners](#) - Part 1 of 2... to be continued next month.
- **Teaching Risk Management to Children:** [A piece](#) from Mountaineers Climbing Education Manager Steve Smith (courtesy of our friends at the Children and Nature Network).
- **Get Outside for National Trails Day | June 3:** National Trails Day is an opportunity to get outside and give back to our trail systems, so that they can continue to carry us through the wild places we love. This year we have five stewardship activities you can join. [Read more and sign up.](#)
- **Membership Promotion ends May 31:** All month long we've been celebrating Mother Nature, the mom we all share, with a special 20% discount for new members. If you know someone who should join our ranks, please share this discount with them! Promo code in the image below.



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