



# LEADERLINES

monthly e-news for Mountaineers volunteers



The rain is back, the weather is getting cooler, and we've glimpsed our first dusting of snow in the mountains. As summer rolls into fall, many of us are trying to sneak in a few final warm and dry adventures, while others are already dreaming of snow-filled descents. With October 1 just around the corner, many of you are looking anxiously ahead to a new cycle of course registrations. Thank you for all you do for The Mountaineers!

In this edition of Leader Lines, we highlight several upcoming events including this year's [Leadership Conference](#) – now open for registration! Additionally, we highlight the importance and impact of committee volunteerism through the personal stories of two Super Volunteers: Cheryl Talbert and Matt Palubinskas. We hope that you find this content inspiring and insightful, and that you feel refreshed and ready to welcome the next wave of Mountaineers into our bustling community.

**Sara and Steve,  
Education Managers**

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## **Leader Spotlight: Bill Borom**

Leader Spotlight is a monthly showcase of the incredible volunteer leadership at The Mountaineers. It is a platform for our leaders to share tips and tricks, favorite memories, and inspiration for new and rising leaders. For our Leader Spotlight this month we talked to Bill Borom, a 5-year leader whose involvement in a wide variety of club activities has continued to spark his sense of adventure and expand his pool of friends to adventure with!

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## **Make Your Ideas A Reality!**

Volunteerism is the backbone of The Mountaineers' community, and committee volunteerism is the the cornerstone of our courses, activities, and overall organization. **Cheryl Talbert** and **Matt Palubinskas** share insight into why they've stepped-up to support one (or more!) committees, and they discuss the value that work has added to their experience as a Mountaineer. Read-on to learn more about the benefits of supporting a committee and consider getting involved!

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### **Lesson Learned: Dragontail Peak, Serpentine Arete - A reluctant call on the Personal Locator Beacon**

Although this month's story focuses on a mountaineering trip, the larger lessons regarding emergency response planning, backup plans, and field communication technology are useful for any backcountry adventure.

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### **Vision 2022: Discussing Survey Results at Town Hall Sessions | Sep 28, Oct 2 & 4**

We're more than halfway through the process of building 'Vision 2022' - our strategic plan to carry us forward through the next five years. We've completed our community survey and are looking forward to sharing the results in our upcoming town hall sessions. Join us!

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### **Quick Hits**

- **Leadership Conference:** Registration is open for The Mountaineers' fourth annual [Leadership Conference](#) on December 2! Leaders may register for the discounted price of \$25 with the promo code **LC17LEADER**. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to support the event day-of. Volunteers will receive **complimentary registration** as a thank you for their service! Interested? For more information and to register as a volunteer, please contact [Sara Ramsay](#).

Outdoor aspirations vs. biology "As a female climber who lives for weekends spent above tree line, I've often wondered to myself: Is my alpine life on the same timeline as my biological clock? If I have kids, will I limit myself to hiking Mount Si with a child carrier for the next decade or two? Do the mountains come with their own glass ceiling?" These [elite female athletes balance](#) climbing huge mountains and raising tiny humans.

- **FOREFRONT for Climbers - Oct 13:** Join us for [FOREFRONT 2017](#), a community-building, educational, interactive day focusing on techniques and equipment for climbing. For more information, please contact [Steve Smith](#).
- **Winter is coming!** This year AIARE and The Mountaineers are offering a new 8-hour, on-snow course to help, focusing on companion rescue skills and practice, from the basic all the way to the multiple burial situations. New and experienced backcountry users alike will learn and refresh their [Avalanche Rescue](#) skills.
- **Lead Internationally:** The Global Adventures Committee is actively recruiting new leaders and is putting on our (first ever!) [Retreat and Clinic](#) for new and existing leaders on October 7 & 8.
- **Recycle your old climbing ropes!** We use a lot of our old ropes to teach students, but if you have others in need of a good retirement option, we think this is pretty cute [recycling option](#).
- **Find your tribe:** "Growing up, I was a chubby, painfully shy girl who didn't fit in. But I am grateful for that girl. She taught me that stepping out of my comfort zone is well worth the sweaty palms and apprehension. Most importantly, she taught me to live with integrity. By doing so, I found my [familial tribe](#) of queer folk, band geeks, tree huggers, and underdogs."
- **An improved version of the routine belay check?** Here's [a good piece](#) to formally add to your routine to get on the same page about what happens once you arrive at the anchors.
- **Glamping?** [One opinion](#) is that "Glamping is dismantling the soul of dirtbaggery."
- **Mountaineers Breakfast: Mission Accepted** - We hosted a fundraiser calling our community to action in the name of conservation. We had powerhouses from Patagonia and the Washington State Senate on our side. Check out [our blog](#) to get a recap of the event, see our kickoff video, and support conservation.
- **The Alex Honnold of hamsters** sends a [free solo](#).

### **Stay Safe Out There!**

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