MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB – January 2017

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CHECK YOUR EMAILS FROM YAHOO GROUPS FOR LAST MINUTE TRIPS, CHANGES IN CURRENT TRIPS

Calling for your 2016 edition of MWOC activities pictures!	 MWOC'S Annual Slide Show is Feb 6, 2017. Do you have pictures of MWOC hikes or outings that you would like to share? Please send them to Judy Farnsworth. You can: Email them: jfarnsw@mac.com Put them on a memory stick – phone or email me to make arrangements for a convenient time to pick up your thumb drive: 208-344-7973 Load them into one of the services like Dropbox or a shared drive and email the file link to me. PLEASE retain the slides' original size however you send them. Thank you!
Jan 2, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING The monthly potluck meeting is canceled (Jan. 2 is a federal holiday and the F&G building is closed). Results of officer elections are shown above and also will be announced at the February potluck meeting.
Jan 10, Tue	OWYHEE COUNTY MUSEUM TOUR. Meet at the Meridian WinCo parking lot at 9:30a.m. We'll car pool to Murphy to spend some time at the Owyhee County Museum (this is <i>NOT</i> a 'guided' tour!), and then drive to Grandview for lunch/dinner. If this trip interests you, contact Alvena Kinkade at 208-658-9081.
Jan 16, Mon	MWOC PLANNING MEETING starts at 6:30 pm. – we'll be meeting at the Smoky Mountain Pizzeria Grill, 415 East Parkcenter Blvd. Come, eat, socialize, learn about the in's and out's of the club, bring ideas for winter and spring trips (and it's not too early to start thinking of summer trips!).
Jan 25-26, Wed & Thu nights	Snowshoe, Nordic and Alpine ski at/near Ponderosa State Park! Bear Basin and Brundage are nearby. The McCall Winter Carnival starts on Friday the 27 th , you can enjoy the finished ice sculptures on your way home! Kay has rented three cabins at Ponderosa State Park for Wednesday and Thursday nights: Elk (sleeps 8), Fox (sleeps 6) and Bear (sleeps 6). <i>Potluck Wednesday evening</i> . The cost depends on how many register to attend. Please let Kay Smith know if you are interested. Call or email questions: 208-230-1574 or kaysmith805@gmail.com
Feb 6, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK: <i>Mark your calendar!</i> The potluck will be at the Fish and Game building (600 S. Walnut, Boise). The socializing starts at 6 pm and the dining starts at 6:30 pm. Come; enjoy the annual slide show of MWOC activities
Feb 10-12, Fri thr Sun	ANTHONY LAKES SKI AND/OR SNOWSHOE TRIP © You're welcome to partake of any or all of the following: Fri, drive to Baker City, OR. Visit the Baker Heritage Museum downtown (closes at 3:30 PST). Happy hour at the Super 8. Sat and Sun – ski/snowshoe at Anthony Lake (return to Boise late Sun afternoon). Stay at the Super 8 (541-523-8282) – indoor hot tub, hot breakfast and 50% discount coupons for cross-country or downhill skiing (+ \$1 processing fee) available. If you'd like to stay in a group room, let Mary know, otherwise make your own reservations. For more info, or to sign up, contact Mary Brown, 208-343-2111 or brownmeb@gmail.com.

Feb 10, 11 Fri, Sat	SNOWSHOE THE OPEN SNOWFIELDS OF CRATERS OF THE MOON BY THE FULL MOON. Depart Boise at 1 p.m. Fri, Feb 10. Arrive in Arco, check into rooms, eat dinner, then to the Park for the moonlight hike. Happy Hour. Next morning; breakfast, then a daylight snowshoe hike with the ability to go to normally 'off limits areas'; then return to Boise. Contact George Moses, Mosesgr@msn.com or 208-409-6755
Feb 22-23 Wed & Thu nights	ALTURAS LAKE OR REDFISH LAKE CROSS COUNTRY SKI OR SNOWSHOE on Thursday. Drive up from Boise on Wednesday. Two nights at Smiley Creek Lodge, there are various options for sleeping – call Jerry Niday to discuss (more information will be available in the new year). <i>Reservations are needed by January 10th</i> . Contact Jerry Niday at 208-954-9305 or gjniday@outlook.com

MID-WEEK/FUTURE ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY HIKES. Watch for a Yahoo Groups announcement each week for location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 3 to 5 miles, lasting approximately two hours. Lunch after the hike for those interested. If you have questions, contact John and Anne Olden, 208-853-1066.

WEDNESDAY HIKES begin at 10 AM winter, earlier in the summer. Hikes are fast-paced, of challenging difficulty, 5 or more miles and lasting 3 or more hours, depending on trail and weather conditions. Challenging difficulty means that you'll need to be in good hiking condition because of significant elevation gain and/or increased mileage. Watch for the weekly Yahoo Groups announcement for meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

OCCASIONAL THURSDAY HIKES and other miscellaneous activities will be sent as a Yahoo Groups announcements. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-385-0100.

THURSDAY XC SKI/SNOWSHOE BEGINNING IN JANUARY. We'll leave Boise at 12 noon, and ski/snowshoe for 2-3 hours, have a snack and return to Boise at 4 p.m. Watch for announcements about meeting and parking location. Questions? Vilate Gee, 208-854-1139

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS ABOUT YAHOO EMAILS. Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are sent out through Yahoo Groups. If you have questions about receiving Yahoo e-mails (the subject line includes "Mountain West") please contact Cheri Worsley, cheriworsley@gmail.com.

Group emailing is not to be used to advocate for any political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and place of a meeting, on an issue of likely interest to members are welcome.

MWOC ACTIVITIES: Planning a MWOC excursion? Or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? Send me the particulars and I'll publish it here – Judy Farnsworth at jfarnsw@mac.com.

MWOC 2017 DUES: Thank you to all who have already renewed membership for 2017. Dues/waiver forms are due by January 31. A blank dues/waiver form accompanies this newsletter. If you'd like to pay electronically but cannot locate the invoice sent via PayPal in November, please email or call Laura Jenski (laura.jenski@gmail.com, 208-860-9477) to receive a duplicate invoice. Fees are \$15 per person.

If you have a question but don't know who to contact, email the Club at MWOCID@gmail.com.