

MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB – February 2017

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CHECK YOUR EMAILS FROM YAHOO GROUPS FOR LAST MINUTE TRIPS, CHANGES IN CURRENT 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 MEETING will be at Fish and Game at 6 PM. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and beverage. (Because we meet in a government building please do not bring alcoholic beverage.) <i>Come; enjoy the annual slide show of the 2016 Mountain West Outdoor Club member activities.</i>
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. Please contact Mary Brown by Jan 31 st if you are interested in going, 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 20, Mon	MWOC PLANNING MEETING will be meeting at Café Ole Restaurant and Cantina, 210 N Milwaukee St, at 6:30 pm. Join us! Learn about the in's and out's of the club, add your voice, bring ideas for winter and spring trips – and summer trips...
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). Contact Jerry Niday at 208-954-9305 or gjniday@outlook.com
Coming in Feb	ULTRA-LIGHT EQUIPMENT, THRU HIKING... Are you considering getting into backpacking? Interested in learning about some of the new ultra-light equipment? Or discussing strategies for thru hiking? <i>Call Mary Brown, 208-343-2111 or email her, brownmeb@gmail.com.</i> She'll be arranging a casual gathering at her place to get the conversation rolling.

Mar 6, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK: <i>Mark your calendar!</i> The potluck will be at Fish and Game. The socializing starts at 6 PM and the dining starts at 6:30 PM.
Aug, First Part of Aug, Return by Aug 21 st	PACIFIC CREST TRAIL BACKPACK: I am looking for some adventuresome backpackers to join me on a section of the Washington or Oregon PCT. We'll be hiking 10-12 miles/day and possibly be covering a 200-mile section of the trail. Call or email me if you're interested – Mary Brown, 343-2111, brownmeb@gmail.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.

THURSDAY XC SKI/SNOWSHOE usually leaves for Bogus Basin at 12 noon, ski/snowshoe for 2-3 hours, snack and return to Boise by 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.

AIR ST. LUKE'S MEMBERSHIP: A reduced Air St. Luke's yearly membership rate is available to MWOC members on request. Contact information: stlukesonline.org/air or 208-706-1000

MWOC 2017 DUES: Dues and signed waiver for 2017 are due by January 31. Fees are \$15 per person. Contact Laura Jensi at laura.jenski@gmail.com, 208-860-9477 with questions or to receive a copy of the membership form or link to make an electronic payment.

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