

MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB – April 2017

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

Mar 29, Wed	MEAL PLANNING PRESENTATION FOR BACKPACKERS ~ Barb Forderhase and I will be talking about meal planning and organization, freeze dried and locally available foods and dehydrating your own meals. 1:30-3:30 PM, 3rd floor, Main Boise Public Library. Contact Mary Brown to sign up. 208-343-2111
Apr 3, Mon	Enjoy a morning hike in the MONTOUR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA and an afternoon swim in the ROYSTONE HOT SPRINGS, Sweet, ID (Bring your own sack lunch.) Hosted by Kathy and Ward Johns. Meet at the Winco at the corner of State St and Hwy 55 at 9:30 AM. Please contact Mary Brown at 208-343-2111 so she can let Kathy know how many people to expect.
Apr 3, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING will be at Fish and Game on Walnut at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, your own place setting and beverage. (Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.) <i>Jay Breidenbach, Boise's NOAA's National Weather Service meteorologist</i> , will be our speaker. Perhaps he'll speak about thunder and lightening, or systems of high-pressure ridges and troughs, do come because Breidenbach's presentation will be a highlight!
Apr 8, Sat	BOX CANYON SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE DAY HIKE (near Hagerman). Hike through open farmland, along a canyon rim, and down to a beautiful, bubbling blue-green spring. Then follow the "crick" downstream to Snake River (and back on a dirt road). Lunch stop near falls. Meet at the U.S. Bank (north side) parking lot at NW corner of Orchard and Overland at 8:15 a.m. Contact Bob Mayer, 208-866-1181, for more information.
Apr 17, Mon	MWOC PLANNING MEETING will be meeting at CasaBlanca Cuban Grill, 5506 West Overland Road, at 6:30 pm . Join us! Learn about the in's and out's of the club, add your voice to the discussion about whatever comes up, bring ideas for summer trips...
Apr 19, Wed	GEAR WALKABOUT . An expanded opportunity to share backpacking gear ideas, tips and tricks for cutting down weight. We'll have room to set up tents & other gear. MWOC's version of a Parade of Homes. Vilate Gee's home, 1:00-3:00 PM. Call Mary Brown for details, 208-343-2111.
Apr 26-28, Wed thr Fri	KIRKWOOD RANCH BACKPACK . This is a fairly easy, 5.2 mile/800' elevation, hike along the Snake River. It's a great opportunity to test out new ultra-light techniques. Call Mary Brown for more information, 208-343-2111.
Apr 27, Thu	MWOC TRAIL CLEANUP . Meet on the East side of the Winco parking lot off of State and 'Ole Horseshoe Bend Hwy' at 12:40. Bring handclippers, loppers; some shovels and hoes. We will car pool to the Trailhead. If you are interested in helping clean 'our trail' contact Winnie at wesmo40@gmail.com or call 208-631-4065. Dress for the weather. Cookies provided!

May 1, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING. <i>Mark your calendar!</i> The potluck will be at Fish and Game at 6 PM. Our speaker will be Annette deKnijf. She is the Refuge Manager at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.
May 6, Sat	ANNUAL WILDFLOWER DRIVE/WALK ~ Meet at the Meridian WinCo parking lot (northwest corner) at 8:30 AM to car pool. We will drive to Jordan Valley, Oregon to start this adventure, and proceed on the Owyhee Uplands Scenic Byway to Grandview, Idaho. We will be stopping often to see what kind of wildflowers we can find, with lunch at the North Fork Crossing Campground. This will be a long day, so we'll plan on dinner at Grandview or Mountain Home. No dogs, please! Contact Alvena Kinkade at 208-658-9081.
May 20, Sat	JUMP CREEK FALLS & HIKE ~ Meet at the Meridian WinCo parking lot (northwest corner) at 9:00 AM to car pool. The falls should be pouring over the rim nicely! We'll leave the falls and hike cross-country up to the top, and along Jump Creek. This is a leisurely hike along the rim with views down into the canyon. Limit 8 people, and no dogs, please! Contact Alvena Kinkade at 208-658-9081.
Jun 2-4, Fri thr Sun	COW LAKES CAR CAMP ~ We'll drive to Jordan Valley, top off fuel tanks, and head on out to Cow Lakes. This trip is weather dependent! I'm hoping we can get across Cow Creek to hike on the lava flows to explore the 'potholes', lakes, and other interesting features of the flow. I have seen River Otter at Cow Lakes, but no guarantees! Limit 8 people, and no dogs, please! Contact Alvena Kinkade at 208-658-9081.
Jul 27-29, Thu thr Sat	SAWTOOTH BACKPACKING... I am a beginning backpacker and am looking for other backpackers to join me on a backpacking trip into the Sawtooths (either the Sawtooth Lake or the Alice Lake areas). Limit 6 people. Call or email me if you are interested: Gudi Woehlbrandt, 208-850-6662 or gudrum.woehlbrandt@yahoo.com
Aug 21, Mon	Mark the date on your calendar! The total solar eclipse begins around 10:10 AM and reaches totality around 11:26 AM... If you are staying in town and like to paddle, join Marge on a paddle from Montour to Black Canyon for a unique view of the eclipse. She will provide eclipse-viewing glasses to enhance the viewing experience. More details to follow as the eclipse nears. Marge Lane, 208-887-6888 or margie.lane15@gmail.com.
Aug 22-24, Tue thr Thu	SAWTOOTH BACKPACKING... I'm a little more experienced now but still am a beginning backpacker looking for other backpackers to join me on a backpacking trip into the Sawtooths (the specific destination to be determined). Limit 6 people. Call or email me if you are interested: Gudi Woehlbrandt, 208-850-6662 or gudrum.woehlbrandt@yahoo.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 posted on Yahoo groups. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 385-0100.

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: The "unofficial" 60-day grace period for renewing your membership for 2017 is coming to a close. If you are uncertain whether you have paid your dues, please contact Laura Jenski at laura.jenski@gmail.com, 208-860-9477. Unpaid members will be inactivated at the end of the month.

REQUEST FOR WEBSITE INPUT: If you have thoughts on what you would like to see on a MWOC website, please contact laura.jenski@gmail.com.