

MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB – June 2017

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

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.
Jun 9, Fri It's a FRIDAY meeting!	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING. <i>Mark your calendar – remember; it's a Friday!</i> The potluck will be at Fish and Game at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share, your own place setting and beverage. (Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.) Did you know the Forest Service has an archeologist? It does! Susie Osgood will be speaking of her role as an archeologist in the Forest Service, describing some of her projects, answering questions...
Jun 19, Mon	MWOC PLANNING MEETING will be meeting at the Golden Star, 1142 N Orchard . Join us – the meeting starts are 6:30 . Add your voice to the discussion about the ins and outs of the club; bring ideas for summer trips...
Jul 9, Mon	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING will be at Fish and Game on Walnut. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and beverage. <i>Weather permitting we'll eat in Municipal Park, which is adjacent to the Fish and Game parking lot.</i> There will not be a formal presentation. Come anyway! You'll have time to visit with other members, learn what they are doing and get ideas for your own summer adventures.
Jul 28-29, Fri thr Sat	SAWTOOTH LAKE BACKPACK... Spend a delightful two days and a night in the Sawtooth Lake basin! I'll meet you at the Iron Creek Trailhead on Friday, 9 AM. We'll take our time hiking the 5 miles from the trailhead to Sawtooth Lake – it's a 1700-foot elevation gain. We'll camp there, explore the area, and hike out Saturday afternoon. (In case of inclement weather alternative dates for the backpack are Aug 23-24.) Limit 6 people. Call or email: Gudi Woehlbrandt, 208-850-6662 or gudrun.woehlbrandt@yahoo.com <i>More information:</i> Mary Brown will be driving up Thursday afternoon (Jul 27) and camping along Iron Creek in order to be at the trailhead Friday morning. If you'd like to join Mary, please contact her directly at brownmeb@gmail.com.

<p>Aug 7, Sun</p>	<p>MWOC ANNUAL PICNIC will be held at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park at 6 PM at the covered picnic area. This event is catered and free to members; guests are welcome, cost \$10. Please bring your own beverage in a non-glass container. Watch for sign-up information beginning in June.</p> <p>Thank you to the members that have volunteered to help with the picnic. We need several more volunteers to set-up, serve, and cleanup. AND we're still looking for the most important volunteer of all – someone to “learn the ropes” for coordinating the picnic. Winnie Morrison’s determined to retire this year. She’s been coordinating the picnic since 2007. The job’s not a hard – thanks to volunteers and the use of technology, the job requires just a few hours beginning in June to August.</p> <p>To volunteer please email MWOCID@gmail.com. Put “volunteer” in the subject line and in the body list what you’d like to do.</p>
<p>Aug 20-24, Sun thr Thr</p>	<p>See the Solar Eclipse from Granite Mountain Lookout! Join a group campout at Hard Rock Campground near McCall. This campground is approximately 19 miles up Brundage Road just past McCall. A pit toilet is the only facility available. There are several hikes planned over four days including one to the top of Granite Mountain to see the eclipse on Monday. Additional hikes include: Hidden Lake, Grass and Coffee Cup Lakes and Rainbow Lake plus others. For more information contact Gary Dailey, 208 272-0638 or email: daileyg@ymail.com.</p>
<p>Aug 21, Mon</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sep 9-12, Sat thr Tue</p>	<p>THE TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES BIKERIDE PLUS THREE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start with a 15-20 mile ride in McCall on the way to North Idaho; spend the night in Lewiston (hotel to be decided). Take a 15 to 20-mile morning spin on the Lewiston Levee Trail before heading to Wallace, Idaho. Bike the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes on the 11th and 12th (45-miles day one and anywhere between 27-miles and 40-miles ride day two). Bike the Hiawatha on the 13th. All the rides have no more than a 3% grade. After the Hiawatha you are on your own to head home or spend more time in the area. (There is a great 30-mile bike path between Coeur d’Alene and Spokane.) - Stay at the Wallace Inn the nights of the 10th, 11th, and 12th. The Wallace Inn will provide all necessary shuttles. The cost for the 3 nights in the Inn (double occupancy), shuttles, and trail passes for the Hiawatha is \$244 plus tax per person. - There is a limit of 10 people. Please contact Peggy Killen at pegkillen@mac.com or (208) 484-7946.

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

VISIT THE MWOC WEBSITE: Go to www.mwocid.org and you will be redirected to the club's website (<https://mountainwestoutdoorclub.wildapricot.org>). You can find the calendar of events, newsletters, and other resources. If you *haven't* already visited the website and created a password, simply click on the login icon in the upper left corner, enter your email address, and click on Forgot Password. You will receive an email message with a link to create a password. Then you can view members-only webpages, including the membership directory. Questions, comments, or suggestions for enhancing the website? Please contact Laura Jenski at 208-860-9477 or laura.jenski@gmail.com.

A new feature of the website is the **Members' Marketplace** where you can list outdoor gear and supplies you wish to buy, sell, or swap. You can post items yourself or have a website administrator do it for you. Go to the website, www.mwocid.org, and click on Members Only (you must login in to see Members-only Content).