MOUNTAIN WEST OUTDOOR CLUB – August 2017

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

Jul 22-24, Sat thr Mon	CAR CAMP @ LIVINGSTON, OR VICINITY . Drive up to Railroad Ridge for a view of the Chinese Wall. There are options for additional 'sight seeing' and/or hiking. High clearance vehicle recommended. Limited to 8 people; no dogs, please! If interested, call Alvena Kinkade at 208-658-9081.
Aug 7, Mon	MWOC ANNUAL PICNIC will be held at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park at 6 PM at the covered picnic area. Mazzah Mediterranean Grill will be catering the meal. It is free to members; guests are welcome, cost \$10. Please bring your own beverage in a non-glass container. <i>There will be an electric bike demo by Pedego Electric Bikes.</i>
	Please register by August 1: If you missed the emails inviting you to register, go to the calendar on the website homepage (www.mwocid.org) and click on the event on Aug. 7. If you need help registering, please send a message to MWOCID@gmail.com.
	We have volunteers to set-up, serve, and cleanup! <i>Thank you</i> ! (We are still looking for a picnic coordinator for 2018! Volunteer now to "learn the ropes". The job's not hard – thanks to volunteers and the use of technology, the job requires just a few hours beginning in June to August.)
Aug 14, Mon	BASEBALL GAME: Please join us for another rousing game of America's favorite pastime on August 14th in a 7:15 game between our own Boise Hawks and the Everett Aquasox . Everyone enjoyed the last game, but this time we'll eat at the ballpark. It's "Feed Your Face Monday" which means all you can eat, served from gate opening (6:30pm) until the 4th inning, unfortunately drinks not included. The group rate on the third base line is \$15 per person, only \$5 above the game ticket price. Come on out and socialize with your friends and cheer the Hawks to VICTORY! Register by July 25: either use the link in the emailed invitation or go to the MWOC website (www.mwocid.org) and click on the event in the calendar. Email MWOCID@gmail.com if you have questions.
Aug 15, Tue (It is on a TUESDAY!!)	MWOC PLANNING MEETING: Join us – Poppa Joes, 1301 S Capitol Blvd . The meeting starts at 6:30. Add your voice to the discussion about the ins and outs of the club; bring ideas for summer and fall trips

Aug 17, Thu Two events in one!	IDAHO BOTANICAL GARDEN MUSIC IN THE PARK AND TOUR OF THE GARDEN: Looking for a pleasant evening out? The band, Boise Straight Ahead , will be playing. Our very own <i>Wendell Martin</i> and <i>Greg Kelsay</i> are in the band! The music starts at 6:30 p.m. and continues to sundown. Register for the event through the club and get discounted admission of only \$7.00 (same as IBG members).
	Tour the Garden! Be to the Garden by 5:30 p.m. when the gates open. You can reserve a shady spot and then join Rod Haars for a tour of the Idaho Botanical Gardens. He'll introduce you to the English Garden, Rose Garden, Fire Wise Garden, Lewis and Clark Native Plant Garden, Western Water Wise Garden, Foothill Grove, Foothill Cemetery and Children's Adventure Garden. He'll have you back to your seats by the time the band starts. <i>An invitation to register for the tour has been sent to you by emailcontact Rod Haars (rod.haars@gmail.com) for help registering (or email the club at MWOCID@gmail.com).</i>
Aug 20-24, Sun thr Thr	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.
Aug 21, Mon	<i>Mark the date on your calendar!</i> The total solar eclipse begins around 10:10 AM and reaches totality around 11:26 AM.
Sep 4, Mon (Labor Day)	MWOC POTLUCK MEETING will be at 6 PM at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park adjacent to Fish and Game parking lot on Walnut. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and beverage. There will not be a formal presentation. Come anyway! You'll have time to visit with other members and hear about their summer adventures.
Sep 9-12, Sat thr Tue	THE TRAIL OF THE COEUR D'ALENES BIKERIDE <i>PLUS</i> THREE! - 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. <i>Trip is full</i> – contact Peggy Killen to be put on a waiting list (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.

THURSDAY OR FRIDAY KAYAK TRIPS are posted on Yahoo Groups. We kayak rivers with ripples to small rapids, lakes and reservoirs. Watch for email announcement from Yahoo Groups for information on current plans. Contact Winnie at <u>wesmo40@gmail.com</u> or call 208-631-4065 for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS ABOUT YAHOO EMAILS. Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bikerides, 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.