


Hello,
Spring!

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Mountain West Outdoor Club

	<p>MEET THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: CAROLYN ATKINS, a terrific Tuesday hike leader and all around good sport.</p> <p>Carolyn is an advocate for activity and has been with MWOC for four years. She retired from a nursing career in Oncology and Digestive Health. After retirement, she worked for a certification as a Master Gardener and states her "signature flower" is the tulip (lucky tulips). She joined the Idaho Watercolor Society. Carolyn claims to have personified two cats and a dog and enjoys biking with husband, James. She adds, "thank you for allowing me to enjoy the outdoors with such a great group." Carolyn, the joy is all ours. Thank <u>YOU</u> for being a lively, contributing member of Mountain West.</p>
<p>March 23, Sat</p>	<p>The GRAND SLAM HIKES are returning once again! The first of those hikes, Cervidae, is scheduled for Saturday, March 23. The hike is 4.2 miles RT, 1700' gain, and steep. Hiking poles recommended because the footing is unsteady (also save your knees on the downhill). The Summit is 4987'. Contact Mary Brown at brownmeh@gmail.com for meeting place and time.</p> <p>Mary notes, "For those of you unfamiliar with the hikes, the Grand Slam peaks are all within an hour or so from Boise. They make great conditioning hikes for later season activities. They are strenuous and most have some very steep sections, but they are true "trails" ... no clamoring or cliffs involved. All hikes will be weather dependent." More information at: https://www.idahoacimbingguide.com/grand-slam-peaks/.</p>

April 1, Monday 5:00 pm	MWOC PLANNING MEETING <u>AND</u> POTLUCK The MWOC officers - and any others who would like to give input - will meet at 5:00 pm at Idaho Fish and Game, prior to the potluck.
6:00 pm	The April MWOC Potluck meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019 , at Idaho Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut, Boise. Socializing starts at 6 pm, dining at 6:30. Bring a dish to share, your own plate, utensils and a beverage (no alcohol, please). Join us for featured speaker, Jordan Rodriguez, who has fished Idaho waters for most of his 30+ years. If it has fins, gills, and scales, he will know something about catching it. Jordan is a noted fishing columnist for the Idaho Statesman and works as a corporate communications specialist for Idaho Power. We look forward to his collected anecdotes, wisdom, and advice for those who would extract fish from the sea. Please come prepared with questions as we don't often have access to expertise at this level.
April 15	Deadline for May newsletter submissions. Send your event to aschorz@cablone.net .
April 20, Sat 8:00 am	ANNUAL WILDFLOWER DRIVE/WALK Let's meet at the northwest corner of the WinCo parking lot in Meridian at 8:00 a.m. to car pool. This will be a long day, so pack a lunch, water, snacks, etc. We will go to Jordan Valley, and drive the Owyhee Uplands Backcountry Byway. We'll be stopping often to see what flowers we can find, with lunch at the North Fork Crossing Campground. We can get dinner at Grandview, or Mtn. Home on the way home. If interested, call Alvena at 208-658-9081 for details.
Sept 15, Sunday - Sept 20, Fri	BRYCE CANYON FALL TRIP: Fellow adventurers, Bonnie and Frank Perri invite you to join them on a hiking/exploring trip to Bryce Canyon and some of the surrounding area. Bonnie has made contact with the Ruby Inn Campground located right outside the park for camping, RVs, cabins, and teepees. The response to this invitation has been great, although a few spots may be available or your name could be added to a waiting list. Full accommodation refunds are granted with 48 hr notice. For questions, or to add your name to the list, contact Bonnie Perri at bp.56@hotmail.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.

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 HIKES and other miscellaneous activities will be posted on Yahoo groups. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-385-0100.

PARK AND SKI rides offered by Jerry Niday for cross country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking the Park 'n Ski trails on Highway 21 north of Idaho City. A stop at Trudy's for a quick bite to eat afterwards is optional. Call Jerry at 208-954-9305 for ride sharing details from the Old Idaho Penitentiary parking lot.

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 - Anne Schorzman at aschorz@cableone.net

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 WEBSITE: You don't have to login to visit most of the MWOC pages, including the calendar of events, news, and resources. The pages that require login are your own profile, membership directory, Members' Marketplace, and Gallery. if you haven't already created a password for the website, click on Login at the top of the page, enter your email address, and click "Forgot password." You will receive an email message with instructions. Please address questions to: laura.jenski@gmail.com.

SAVE A TREE; CANCEL UNNEEDED PAPER MAILINGS: Most communications from MWOC are by email and through postings on our website. If you are still receiving paper copies of newsletters and directories mailed to your home, and you do not need the hardcopies because you are also receiving the information electronically, please contact Laura Jenski (laura.jenski@gmail.com, 208-860-9477) to stop the paper copy mailing.

THE MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE is a website feature 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).

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