



## Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter

**December, 2020**

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Thanks to **Mary Brown** for organizing MWOC's November 14 participation in **Rake-up-Boise** and the club members who turned out to help with this community event.







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 15, 2020 ~ Yahoo Groups Ends** Yahoo released a notice on October 18 stating: "We're shutting down the Yahoo Groups website on December 15, 2020 and members will no longer be able to send or receive emails from Yahoo Groups."

If you need help posting an email just ask any officer or activity leader for assistance.

**DECEMBER 23, 2020 ~** Deadline for submissions (news, pictures, events) for the January newsletter. Thank you to Peggy McMahon, Ellie McKinnon, Mary Brown and Clarene Daly for the photos in this newsletter. Send to Chris at [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com)

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021~Ski/Snowshoe** It will look quite different this year. We will continue to meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot for a **noon**

departure. I will not be organizing carpools. If you would like to do so, it is up to individuals.

New this year: A fence with a window will be installed in front of the Nordic Frontier Lodge. This will limit how many people they will allow inside to use the restroom as well as buy/show passes and change clothes. They are encouraging limiting the amount of time inside.

No outside food allowed inside the lodge. This will eliminate our gathering that we used to enjoy after skiing/snowshoeing for a couple of hours. :( (I'm still planning on bringing food but will eat it on the trail.)

Found on the Bogus Nordic web site: Guided Snowshoe hikes are planned to help familiarize new guests with the Nordic trail system. For more info, contact Bogus Basin.

Masks are required in the buildings as well as if we get within 6 feet of each other outside.

Any questions, email Ruth at: [ruthg1617@gmail.com](mailto:ruthg1617@gmail.com)

**NOVEMBER 2021 ~ EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK** For more information please contact Wendell or Janette at [janettey99@gmail.com](mailto:janettey99@gmail.com). or go to the Hike With Sherpa website: <https://hikewithsherpa.com>

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** ~ While we are all anxious to resume this long-standing tradition of monthly potlucks, enlightening speakers and good company, until further notice, there are no scheduled MWOC meetings.

### **MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES**

**TUESDAY HIKES** Email announcements are sent each week with location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 4 to 6 miles, lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Starting time varies with time of year and weather conditions. If you have questions contact Pat Dailey, 208-272-0639.

Tuesday hike note: nice to see Alvena back out hiking with us and thanks to Ilse for so generously sharing her garden produce with lucky Tuesday hikers. Photos below.

**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 an email announcement of meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

**THURSDAY NORDIC AFTERNOON SKI/SNOWSHOE** Look for weekly email posts for this January and February activity. Meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot for a **noon** departure. Carpools will not be organized by leader.

**THURSDAY KAYAKING** While there will be no more regular Thursday outings until spring, watch for email invitations from Francesco to join him for some winter paddling as weather permits.

**THURSDAY HIKES** and other miscellaneous activities will be posted via email. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-891-0426.

**HIKE REMINDERS FROM MWOC president, Wendell Martin~**

1. Face masks on at all times. I know this can be difficult especially for those of us who wear glasses. If you must remove your mask, do so at a distance of greater than 6 feet from any other hiker.
2. Groups must break up into less than 10 people and the groups must stay apart at an appropriate distance (> 50 yards). It will be the hike leader's responsibility to divide the group up and appoint if necessary a secondary leader.
3. Avoid gathering in a group larger than 10 even at the trailhead. I want to avoid even the appearance we are violating Stage 2 rules.

I will finally remind everyone that if they are uncomfortable with the idea of these group hikes to stay home. Also stay home if you are feeling ill or think you might have been exposed. If for some reason you did go on a hike and later discover that you or someone you were exposed to tests positive for Covid, you must notify the club of this fact for contact tracing purposes.

Get outside and stay healthy!



**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EMAILS** Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through Wild Apricot emails. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at [teksas2steppe@gmail.com](mailto:teksas2steppe@gmail.com)  
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political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and place of a meeting, or 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? For publication in the newsletter send details to [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com).

**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, 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](mailto:laura.jenski@gmail.com).

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