

The Mountain Ear

November 2022

President's Message

There's nothing like a fresh blanket of snow in the valley to get us excited about the coming winter season!

Our next presentation of the series coming up next Tuesday, November 8th featuring Nate Bender and his journey across the Crown of the Continent, connecting the six 10,000 ft peaks in Glacier National Park. We also have our a Round Table discussion "All About Ice Climbing" at Big Sky Brewing Company, and our annual "Skin and Wax Party" to get our AT and Cross Country skis in order before ski season.

We have also been meeting for our Winter Conditioning Wednesdays at the base of Jumbo and Sentinel each week. It is a great way to condition for your favorite winter sports or just come out to hike with community members mid-week. We hope to see you out there. Please check out our event calendar for more details on all these events and more!

"Winter is not a season, it's a celebration." - Anamika Michra

See you in the snowy mountains,
Elizabeth

November Presentation- Tuesday, November 8

Across the Crown of the Continent: Connecting the Six 10,000-foot Peaks in Glacier National Park

In August **Nate Bender** completed a solo, unsupported 6-day mountain linkup across Glacier National Park, connecting the tallest peaks in the park — 6 peaks taller than 10,000 ft. Covering 150 mi and 58,000 ft of ascent, with nearly half those miles off trail, it was a comprehensive tour of every ecosystem and type of movement the park has to offer. The route has potential to be an engaging North American testpiece of all-around mountain running ability.

There is more beyond the athletics, though. We are facing the biggest challenge of our lives in climate change, and Nate believes in the power of experiences like these to fuel climate advocacy. He will present this experience as an inspiration for anyone to chase their own version of this valuable connection with the places they love. Effective climate advocacy begins with purpose and joy, not fear.

Bio

Nate is a trail runner and climate activist based in Missoula, Montana. His personal and professional focus is to use both his voice as a mountain athlete and skills in marketing & data science to catalyze a climate-friendly world. He races some ultramarathons, but primarily specializes in fastest known time (FKT) challenges and loves the creative process of dreaming up new linkups that challenge his ability to move efficiently through the mountains. He holds a master's degree in Resource Conservation and will finish an additional master's degree in Business Analytics in Spring 2023. He is a member of the Protect Our Winters Athlete Alliance and also works as the Marketing Director for Footprints Running, a nonprofit climate action incubator.

Location: Spirit of Peace Community Building- 506 Toole Avenue. This is located on the northside of the downtown area- very close to the pedestrian bridge over the train tracks.

Event begins at 6:00PM.

NOTE: You are more than welcome to bring food and beverages (including adult beverages) for this event! Additionally, we will have beer and snacks on hand (donation suggested).

Looking Ahead

December- Jane Quinn- Winter Mountain Travel Safety

January- Forest Dean- Climbs and Scrambles in the Bitterroots

February- TBA

March- Terry Kennedy

April- Hayley Newman- All About the Great Burn Wilderness

May- TBA

Winter Conditioning Wednesdays

Once again, we will be offering a chance to get out with fellow Rocky Mountaineers on Wednesday evenings to hike up one of our local peaks. Get ready of ski season or simply get a good midweek workout! Hikes start at 6PM- bring your headlamp, traction crampons and/or poles. All abilities welcome. Location will vary from week to week; please see our online calendar for the location and who is leading the charge each week.

Roundtable Education Event- "All About Ice Climbing"

Do you have interest in the sport of Ice Climbing but not sure where to start? New to the area, and not sure where to go? Wondering what kind of gear you need to get started? Well then this is an event for you! This will be an informal "round table" discussion on some of these topics and more. We will look at gear, cover basic climbing techniques, talk about great places to go in western Montana and discuss the upcoming Bozeman Ice Festival. Experienced climbers are encouraged to attend to share what they know!

Tuesday, November 15- 6:30-8:00pm.

Conference Room on Second Floor at Big Sky Brewing Co.

Leader: Forest Dean, mtnear1@gmail.com

Skin and Wax Party

Get ready for ski season by getting your skins re-glued and waxing your ski's. AT ski's or XC ski's are welcome to participate. Bring your ski wax, skins, skin glue, an iron and extension cord, and parchment paper. Bring something to drink as well. We'll provide some snacks. We will have folks on hand to instruct on doing this the proper way.

Location: Elizabeth Moore's house (garage)

Time: 6:30 pm

Group limit: 15

Contact: Elizabeth Moore- ebeth@ebethphoto.com

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Education- All About Ice Climbing Roundtable- Tues, Nov 15

XC Ski- Lolo Pass- Sun, Nov 27

BC Ski/Ice Climb- **East Boulder Peak**- Sat, Dec 3

Activity- **Skin and Wax Party**- Mon, Dec 5

XC Ski- **Lolo Pass**- Sun, Dec 11

BC Skiing- **Ward Mountain**- Weds, Dec 21

Various- **WINTERFEST!**- Sat, Jan 7

Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!

www.rockymountaineers.com

3rd Annual - Winterfest!

The Rocky Mountaineers will be hosting our third annual "Winterfest" for members to attend. This was a great event the last couple of years with nearly 40 people attending each time!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 7th for WINTERFEST at Lolo Pass area! We will offer a slew of trips that day: Backcountry and XC skiing, Snowshoeing, Beacon Park Practice, Hot Springing, etc. In the evening we plan to gather at Lolo Hot Springs. We will have an outdoor gathering with a bonfire AND each member attending will also receive a gift! Snacks and beverages will be provided.

This is an event for members only. You are welcome to bring a guest, family member, kids, etc. RSVP requested- email: mtnear1@gmail.com

Check The Rocky Mountaineers' Website www.rockymountaineers.com for trip listings and event details (coming soon). Current trip lineup:

Accommodations are available at
Lolo Hot Springs, call 406-273-2297
For RV And Cabins 406-273-2294
(Winter Tent and RV hookups)
Lochsa Lodge in Idaho 208-942-3405
OR, Camp in your vehicle or tent!

TRM Business Meeting

Our next quarterly business meeting will take place on Thursday, December 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be holding this meeting at Big Sky Brewing Company-

second floor conference room. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend! We will provide food and refreshments. Please come and help us discuss the direction of your Club!

TRM Merchandise

We have merchandise for sale and available for purchase at our presentations, quarterly business meetings, the Spring picnic, etc. Please contact Elizabeth Moore if you'd like to purchase something for a local pickup.



Beanie \$25



Pint Glass \$10



Keychain \$5



T-Shirt \$20



Baseball Cap \$20



Buff \$10

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found on our website. Check it out. Reports are now easier to locate thanks to the diligent work of Alden Wright.

rockymountaineers.com/tripreports

Club Officers

President- Elizabeth Moore

Vice President/Safety Officer- Casey Lammers

Secretary- Tom Statz

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Website- Alden Wright

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Newsletter/Trip Coordinator- Forest Dean