

The Mountain Ear

December 2022

Happy Holidays!

We are giving our President a month off from writing her usual Presidents report. Please check out the content below for news and information on all of our upcoming events!

We know it's a busy time of the year for a lot of you, but we would be very appreciative if you could spare 5 minutes to complete a survey. We are always looking for ways to provide activities and learning opportunities for you, our members. Here is a chance to let us know what you would like to get out of this club. Your participation is SINCERELY appreciated!

Survey: [Click Here](#)

Thanks everyone!

December Presentation- Tuesday, December 13

Know Before You Go: Avalanche Awareness with Jane Quinn

Jane will be presenting the 'Know Before You Go' seminar established by the Utah Avalanche Center. Other topics will cover success and challenge in the backcountry. As more and more people venture up into the mountains, she is committed to helping everyone know how to use their gear and how to make good decisions.

Jane Quinn has been an avalanche educator since 2016, beginning her career in the backcountry zones near Bend, Oregon. In fall of 2017, she and her family moved to Helena, MT where she continued teaching the AIARE (American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education) and AAA (American Avalanche Association) curriculums. In the spring of 2018, See Jane Adventures, LLC was formed, focusing on mountain bike skills in the spring/summer/fall and avalanche education in the winter. Teaching, assisting, and continuing her education has allowed her to experience a variety of snowpacks in various locations including:

- Silverton, CO
- Jackson, WY

- Mt. Hood, OR
- Three Sisters, OR
- Seattle, WA
- Driggs, ID

Jane has also lead or assisted with avalanche courses and outdoor winter survival clinics through Wild Women Outdoors, Missoula-based AERIE Backcountry Medicine, and Idaho-based Selkirk Outdoor Leadership and Education (SOLE). Since 2017 she has had long-standing contracts for instructing for Montana State University (Bozeman), Montana Backcountry Yurts (Helena), and the West Central Avalanche Foundation (Missoula).

Jane enjoys empowering individuals through outdoor education with the understanding that many of our outdoor skills also transfer into life skills: decision-making, group management, communication, etc..... and also creating a fun and inclusive environment for all!

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

January- Terry Kennedy- In Search of The Mt. Cleveland Five

February- TBA

March- Forest Dean- Climbs in the Bitterroots

April- Hayley Newman- All About the Great Burn Wilderness

May- TBA

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. (You are welcome to bring your own food as well and/or something to share).

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:

- Lee Creek XC Ski Trip
- Lolo Pass to Hot Springs XC Ski Trip
- XC Ski trip on Groomed Trails
- Crystal Amphitheatre BC Ski Tour
- Mt. Fuji BC Ski Tour
- Beacon Park Practice

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!

Winter Conditioning Wednesdays

We are in the process of transitioning from our weekly Wednesday evening Sentinel/Jumbo hikes to cross-country and backcountry skiing. We will post a schedule on our calendar soon. Look for once weekly evening ski tours at Snowbowl or Marshall as well as a cross country ski at one of the local venues. Usually starts at 6pm. Bring a headlamp!

Upcoming Trips and Activities

XC Ski- Lolo Pass- Sun, Dec 11
BC Skiing- Ward Mountain- Weds, Dec 21
Winter Climb- Granite Peak (Beartooths)- Wed-Tues, Dec 27-Jan 3
Various- WINTERFEST!- Sat, Jan 7
Roundtable- Backcountry Skiing Basics- Tues, Jan 17
BC Ski/Cabin- TRM Cabin Ski Weekend- Fri-Sun, Jan 20-22
Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!
www.rockymountaineers.com

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

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