

Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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CLIMBING MOUNTAINEERING BACKPACKING DAYHIKING BICYCLING XCSKIING SNOWSHOEING RAFTING

web site: www.idahoalpineclub.orge-mail: info@idahoalpineclub.org**2009 Council**

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	Jeff Coward	522-8135
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Colleen Bohan	529-0151
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Sam Pole	523-4970

Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 PM until further notice

Upcoming Council Meetings:

November: McKinley's Home	425 Pevero Dr.
December: Pole's Home	Call for new address

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
Trail Maintenance	Alan Crockett	529-5188
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

DECEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on NOVEMBER 10

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 10th of the month due to bulk mailer deadlines.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin, time permitting.

IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

49TH Annual Membership Drive

Party & Elections

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009, 7:00 PM

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

270 NORTH PLACER AVENUE (ACROSS FROM THE YMCA)

It is that time of year again for the IAC annual membership party and to renew your membership for 2010 in the IAC.

Come to the membership party to join and enjoy some food and drink with us. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert or appetizer to share, as well as pictures and stories of the year's activities. There will be a digital slide projector available. Bring your pictures on a thumb drive, your camera with the USB cord for it, or your laptop with a VGA port.

New, renewed, and charter memberships will be eligible for drawings to win merchandise or gift cards from local merchants. Remember, memberships in the IAC make GREAT Christmas gifts.

Come to meet new friends and renew acquaintances.

The easiest way to renew your membership is to come to the party or, if you prefer, mail your dues to the club treasurer at PO Box 2883, Idaho Falls, ID 83403. If your address, phone number or e-mail address have changed, please be sure to include the updated information. If you are new to the club, please complete a membership application which can be downloaded from the club website to mail. Come and enjoy yourselves. The party is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org.

2010 Idaho Alpine Club Council Nominees:

It's time to elect new council members for two-year terms beginning in 2010. We will hold the election of new council members at our Membership party meeting on NOVEMBER 4. You must be a paid up member for 2010 to vote.

Five club members have volunteered to run for the four positions available on the 2010 Idaho Alpine Club Council.

The nominees are :

Al Jantz, Sara Kinney, Matt Sweetser, Donna Whitham and Mark Whitham.

The council members' whose terms are expiring at the end of this year are Teak Cummings, Jim McBride, Donna Whitham and Mark Whitham.

If you are a current member of the Idaho Alpine Club and have decided you would like to run for council, please contact Mark Whitham.

Note: If you can not attend the meeting please forward your choices, prior to the NOVEMBER 4 party, to the Secretary or any of the council officers or mail them to P.O. Box 2883 Idaho Falls, ID 83403

President@IdahoAlpineClub.org VicePres@IdahoAlpineClub.org
Secretary@IdahoAlpineClub.org Treasurer@IdahoAlpineClub.org

President Speaks

Here it is, fall again. We've got snow, fall color, and Indian summer all wrapped up together. This is a great time to get out and play on those last warm clear days of the year. It's also a great time for a trip south. Southern Utah and Arizona are great places to hike or mountain bike before ski season gets underway. Something else that fall brings us is elections. There are national elections, state elections and elections for Idaho Alpine Club council members. Just as it is important to get out and vote for the next mayor or senator you need to come to the November meeting and vote for the new council members. Remember that the meeting will be on the first Wednesday in November (11-04-09), at St. Luke's church. So have fun, stay in shape for ski season, and come out and vote for your favorite council member. Mark Whitham

Participation on Club Activities Common Adventure / Trips: With the exception of rafting, Non-members may attend a maximum of two club trips or activities, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants on rafting trips or rafting rentals must be members in good standing.

Participants on a club trip must pay any established trip fee, abide by club rules and activity guidelines, and must follow instructions of the activity coordinator.

An individual may not participate in any common adventure/trip of the club unless that individual has read and signed the common adventure form for that specific activity prior to embarking on that adventure / trip / activity.

XCSkiing / Snowshoeing

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, xcski@idahopalpineclub.org for trip information, meeting location, and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions. Additional trips to be added over the winter, depending on conditions. If the roads are closed, or the weather too severe, the location of a trip may change or the trip may be canceled at the last minute.

Carry or Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra Winter appropriate protective clothing-no cotton. Hat and gloves or mittens.
4. Minor first aid items including sun screen, personal medications, as needed during the day.
5. Headlamp (& Batteries)
6. Map & Compass
7. Sunglasses
8. Lightweight shelter / space blanket.

9. Appropriate equipment-skis or snowshoes, boots, poles, skins, shovel and avalanche transceiver depending on activity or terrain.

10 Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape and wax kit or glide liquid.

11 Mat to sit on

Other personal items of interest.

November 24 - 28 Yellowstone Ski Fest Thanksgiving Weekend:

Whether you are a beginning skier or an experienced racer, West Yellowstone is THE place to start your ski season! The event's highlights include a series of Nordic skiing clinics, the SuperTour races, the Try It and Buy It Gear Demo (the largest public gear demo of its type) and an Indoor Ski Show.

For more information contact:

Sara Hoovler 406-599-4465

Yellowstone Ski Festival Coordinator, West Yellowstone Chamber, PO Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, or <http://www.yellowstoneskifestival.com/>

December 5 Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt: We plan to search for the perfect tree in the Big Holes. Tree hunting tag required. Tags may be obtained at the Eastern Idaho Visitors Center or the Forest Service or if they have any left, at the Swan Valley Commissary. Last year the tags were \$10 for up to a 12 foot tree.

December 12 Snowshoe at Kelly Canyon: Explore the snowshoe trails in Kelly Canyon. If there isn't enough snow, we'll hike. Plan to soak at Heise afterwards.

E. Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Black and white Kelly Canyon Nordic area map brochure will be available locally and at the trailhead. A full color version of the current map can be downloaded from the IF Ski Club's web site, www.ifskiclub.com.

These and additional area maps are available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map

Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map

Fall River Ridge Guide Map

Harriman State Park Guide Map

Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map

Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map

www.Delorme.com kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is also available at the same web site.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840 or Eric Larsen at 522-9354. Otherwise to find out about climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips you will need to subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo/iac_climbing or,

via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to:

iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com

Wednesday Night Winter Climbing Schedule

Sign up for the mailing list for the schedule to learn of any last minute Wednesday night plans until the weather drives us completely indoors.

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

Winter hours are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday

12-9 PM Saturday

Idaho Alpine Club members can show their membership card to receive \$1 off of the daily admission price.

Comment on Planning for City of Rocks Future

The National Park Service (NPS) is looking for public scoping comments, to develop a new general management plan for the City of Rocks (CoR). During this initial "scoping" phase of the General Management Plan (GMP), the NPS would like to know what we want them to consider as they begin planning and setting priorities for the long-term future of City of Rocks National Reserve. A General Management Plan (GMP) is a long range plan that answers "What kind of place do we want this park to be?"

By November 15, 2009 review the public scoping newsletter and send the NPS your ideas and concerns directly online:

<http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/ciro>

Note: this is for CoR only. Castle Rocks is an Idaho State Park.

Rafting

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members only) contact Greg Hulet At 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org.

Through - November or as long as the weather holds up: Call to arrange Alpine Canyon (class II-III) float trips. One to four people welcome, additional people (15 max total) please provide boats. (Jim Lee 524-5836) Note: Saturday's are very busy. Week day afternoons or Sundays work best.

I can sometimes accommodate 1-4 people needing equipment. Note: Saturday's are very busy. Week day afternoons or Sundays work best. (Jim Lee 208 569-5573) Note: Saturday's are very busy. Week day afternoons or Sundays work best.

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo!

Short sleeve \$14 each.

Long sleeve \$21 each.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A limited number of embroidered Color IAC Logo Patches are available for \$10 each.

The shirts and patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

Most of the Palisades and Teton Ranger District color topographic maps on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest web site have been revised to reflect trail number, trail route and trail use changes. Many of the Palisades district trails have been recently GPSed and so the maps are now considerably more accurate. There are 11 maps at a scale of 1:112,500 covering both ranger districts and 13 more detailed maps (hiking scale, 1:50,000) covering popular trails. All maps are Acrobat format and can be printed at home.

Hiking 101: The joys of fall hiking

Now that autumn is well in progress throughout the country, we all have several things to look forward to: family holiday gatherings and fall hiking!

When planning an autumn hike, keep these things in mind:

- ✓ Obtain schedules of local hunting seasons and always pack appropriate blaze orange garments.
- ✓ Be aware that days are getting shorter. In some areas the sun is setting close to 5 PM now, so when planning that little "shortcut," make sure the batteries in your headlamp are fresh.
- ✓ Days are also getting colder and even a little drizzle can leave you dangerously chilled. Have appropriate waterproof and insulating garments available (avoiding cotton) and try to incorporate a few more calories into your trailside snacks.
- ✓ In the colder regions, fall is a great time to see wildlife stocking up for winter hibernation. Most of these critters will be active around dawn or dusk - sitting still during these times can increase your chances of seeing some great wildlife!

Enjoy the crisp autumn air and the changing color of the leaves. Happy fall hiking from American Hiking Society!

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Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER 4: IAC ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER PARTY

Through November: Rafting / Alpine Canyon

December 5: Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt

December 12: Snowshoe / Kelly Canyon

Climbing: Subscribe to find out any updates on the weekly climbing location. See page 2.

Winter is coming -
Get out there and experience Fall 2009!!

**Enjoy the outdoors with the IAC
Join today**

For more information write to the address below or visit our web site to download a free newsletter and application:

**Idaho Alpine Club
P.O. Box 2883
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883**

www.IdahoAlpineClub.org

Membership Fees

	Full Year	7/1 to 10/1
Individuals:	\$20	\$15
Family:	\$25	\$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year.

Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

IAC Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

**Support the Merchants who
Support the IAC**

Show your membership card for 10% discounts on regularly priced merchandise:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading
523-6679
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226
1352 S. Holmes Ave. (Excluding bicycles)
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave. (Excluding bicycles)
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Lynna and Leland Howard offer members of IAC a 10% discount on all of their published books.
357-1917 or 357-3166;
lynna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

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