

# Idaho Alpine Club Bulletin

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Please mail completed common adventure forms to the secretary.

## 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.

## Membership Fees

	Full Year	July 1 - October 1
Individuals:	\$20	\$15

Family:	\$25	\$20
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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.

## Council Meetings and Bulletin Deadline

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

September Council Meeting: Location TBD

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at [editor@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:editor@idahoalpineclub.org)

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

**October Deadline is Midnight September 13**

## Trekking and Climbing: Mexican Volcanoes and the Andes of Peru

Wednesday, September 1st, 2004 - 7:30 PM at the Idaho Falls Library

Idaho Alpine Club's September meeting program will be presented by Gordon Rattray and Kirt Marlow. Their slide show presentation will include climbs of the Mexican volcanoes Itzacchuatl (17,160') and Pico de Orizaba (18,410'); a visit to Teotihuacan, a major mesoamerican archeological site near Mexico City; trekking along the Inca Trail in Peru to Macchu Picchu, the lost city of the Inca's; and trekking and climbing in the Cordillera Blanca in Peru on or near classic Andean peaks like Alpmayo (19,512'), Tocllaraju (19,791'), Chacararaju (20,053'), Huandoy (20,981'), and Huascaran (22,206').

The presentation is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact [programs@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org) or check out the club website at [www.idahoalpineclub.org](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) or call D. Whitham at 520.1728.

## President Speaks

Hi everyone. We had a very pleasant picnic at Sealander's a few weeks ago. Many thanks to Michelle for organizing it, to everyone who helped out and to all who brought food. IAC members do know good food.

I hope that your summer has been a good one so far. Thanks to visiting relatives, I spent three days in Yellowstone in August, and yes, it was crowded. We did get to watch a mother bear and two yearling cubs munch through a meadow. Even after all the times I've been to the park, we stopped a few places that I'd never stopped at before. The moral of this story is to take time occasionally to poke around places that you've been to before and do some exploring.

Although summer is ending, fall can be a great time for outdoor activities, so check our schedule and plan to do more hiking, rafting, climbing, and biking. The weather is usually good till mid-October.

We are starting our monthly programs again, and notice that the first Wednesday this month is before Labor Day. See you there. Garney

## IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 08/17/2004

No Quorum

## Dayhiking

Contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728 or [dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:dayhike@idahoalpineclub.org), for trip information and to sign up.

October 2 - 3: Dayhike in the Italian Peaks and Beaverhead Mts. There are several trails in this area we plan to explore from each end or depending on how many go we can hike all the way through and shuttle back to the trail head. Crooked Creek and Willow Creek trails provide scenic views of the Lemhis and Beaverheads. Approximately 13 miles one way.

## Backpacking

For fall trip information and to sign up, contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728, or George Cole, 522.4074, or [backpack@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:backpack@idahoalpineclub.org).

## Rafting

Contact the Hulets, 523-6199 or Jim Lee, 524-5836, for trip information and to sign up.

## Climbing / Mountaineering

Contact Eric Peterson, 529.9538 or Dennis Dunn, 523.8524, or [climbing@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:climbing@idahoalpineclub.org).

## Bicycling

Note: If anyone has any rides that they would like to do that are not listed, or any other information of interest, please contact the Idaho Alpine Club bicycling coordinators, Jeff Coward, at 522-8135 (home) or 529-0775 (work) or [jdc1100@srv.net](mailto:jdc1100@srv.net) or Michelle Benson at 525-3228. Both can be contacted at [bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org) Your ideas and input are always welcome.

## Weekday Bicycling

Of perhaps interest to some of the club membership -- retirees, shift workers, and housewives or house husbands, or worker bees wanting to take a morning off -- is this year's continuation of the Tuesday morning rides. These are not Alpine Club sponsored rides but many of the participants are members. If you're not on the "bike2004" e-list and would like to be, let me know ([barbbrown212@msn.com](mailto:barbbrown212@msn.com)).

Rescheduled for July 9 - 17, 2005: Route of the Hiawatha rail trail (Taft Tunnel), Trail of the Couer d'Alenes and Centennial Trail, Couer d'Alene to Spokane (see the club website for details, ride description, and links to local information regarding this ride): This ride is sponsored by the Idaho Alpine Club. The ride starts near the Taft Exit 5 on I-90 near the Idaho - western Montana border. It is suitable for riders of all ages, since the outbound leg is all downhill and there is a shuttle back to the top for those who don't want to ride back up the 2% grade. Anyone who is interested in this trip should contact Jeff Coward.

## **Non-Club Riding in Idaho Falls**

For information regarding Monday Night "Easy" Rides, Wednesday Night "Not so Easy" Rides, and the EROB "Noon" Loop, contact Peter Jensen 208.357.5148, or [Peter@EIBike.com](mailto:Peter@EIBike.com).

## **Chocks and Nuts:**

### **Yurt Rentals for Fall Elk Watching:**

The Harriman Yurts are each equipped with two futon style bunk beds, woodstove, table and chairs, and propane appliances for light and cooking. The Harriman yurts rent for \$35 per night for a maximum of six people. A reservation fee of \$6.00 is required. The yurts adjoin Harriman's extensive cross-country trail system and are only a short distance from the world famous Henry's Fork of the Snake River.

Reservations for the yurts can be made up to 90 days in advance online or by telephone:

[www.idahoparks.org/parks/yurts.html#Harriman](http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/yurts.html#Harriman), or call the park at 208-558-7368. For information, E-mail the Park [har@idpr.state.id.us](mailto:har@idpr.state.id.us).

## **73rd Annual Meeting of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs:**

The 73rd Annual Meeting and General Convention of the Federation will be held at Camp Sawtooth, Idaho on September 17-19, 2004 in the Rocky Mountains, approximately 8 miles north of the Ketchum/Sun Valley area. This venerable umbrella organization of over fifty wildlife conservation, environmental, and outdoor clubs has fought for nearly three quarters of a century to protect and preserve the natural resources and other values that all lovers of the outdoors hold dear.

The meeting will be held at Camp Sawtooth near Sun Valley, a secluded site in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and bordering the Boulder/White Cloud Mountains (which are being proposed for wilderness in the US Congress). The three day program will feature top flight speakers who will speak eloquently and factually about issues of interest to those living in the western US, and what we can do about resolving them. There will also be short hikes to enjoy the wild lands near the Camp.

Total cost for lodging and food for the three day week end is a mere \$90.

For more information, see the Federation's web site at: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org) or contact Marty Huebner, Convention Chair, at 1995 McKinzie in Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83404 phone 208-522-6475 or e-mail at [patmarty@srv.net](mailto:patmarty@srv.net). From now on, he will be looking for "strangers" trying to contact him via e-mail in the listings of 'spam' screenings.

## **Gear review sites:**

[www.backpacker.com](http://www.backpacker.com)

[www.gearreview.com](http://www.gearreview.com)

## **Geocaching and Letter Boxing:**

These are fun things to do if you want to practice with your GPS or just get out for something to do. For more information go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or [www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org).

## **IAC on Local News 8:**

In case you missed us on television, you can still watch the clips on-line:

IAC Thursday Night Climbing:

<http://www.localnews8.com/video/900037.html>

Wild Files:

<http://www.localnews8.com/whatsnew/890626.html>

## **Comment on S. E. Idaho Recreation Needs:**

State officials want to know what outdoor recreation activities you enjoy so they can look for ways to provide it. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is interested in finding out what kind of recreation opportunities people need in and near their local communities. This includes all activities, not just those that take place in the state parks. The information IDPR gathers will also help in ranking outdoor recreation grant applications and gives direction to city, county, state and federal recreation programs statewide. The state sticker programs bring money in for specific users, to be divided up for improvements all over the state. A small portion of the state gas use tax goes into the state recreation fund too. The Recreational Trails Program is a very small part of that pie. Help get some of the money for trail improvements channeled to south east Idaho. Go to IDPR's website to comment on our local needs: [www.idahoparks.org/about/News\\_SCORTP.html](http://www.idahoparks.org/about/News_SCORTP.html)

## IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with embroidered club logo! Short sleeve \$12 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact Michelle Benson to get yours sooner.

## Web Site News

If you haven't noticed, the IAC web site ([www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://www.IdahoAlpineClub.org)) has recently been redesigned. For your convenience, the most recent club bulletins are included as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms in PDF format.
- Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators
- Read the club By-Laws
- Search the club classified ads or post you own ad
- View pictures from recent club activities
- Find out what the 10 E's are anyway?
- Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
- Find links to other cool outdoor websites
- Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or [Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org](mailto:Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org)

## Club Member Benefits

10 % discount on (non sale) outdoor equipment at the following stores:

Idaho Mountain Trading - Shoup & B  
Idaho Falls - 523-6679

K & R Adventure Gear - 522-5279  
or 877-369-7407 [www.knradventuregear.com](http://www.knradventuregear.com)

Canyon Whitewater Supply  
450 S Yellowstone Idaho Falls-522-3932

Free Heel and Wheel,

40 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, Montana,  
406-646-7744.

Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

Stone Walls Rock Gym - 528.8610  
Call to check Summer Operating Hours  
The gym offers a \$1 daily pass discount to Alpine Club members.

Alpine Club Rental Gear is available to paid-up members. Call the appropriate coordinator for more information.

North Face VE-24 tent--George Cole  
Climbing helmets & Ice axes--Gary Vecellio  
Caving helmets, Carbide lamps, Clinometer & compass for cave mapping--Dean K.  
Rafting equipment --Greg Hulet  
Collapsible Avalanche Shovels--Mark Whitham

Note: The club does have two transceivers which are the old signal and will not be sent out per a council decision in 2000 when the old signal transceivers had been discontinued for several years. They have been for sale as a pair for best offer since then. They are only of value as collector items or for someone with the old signal or the old dual signal receiver. Be aware that rescue can not be expected with these units. The local SAR teams have long since replaced their units with the current standard signal. If anyone is interested in buying the pair contact the Whithams [xscki@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:xscki@idahoalpineclub.org) with an offer.

## Newsletter Advertising

Members: Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers: Half page ad - \$25

12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240

Full-page ad - \$40 12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400.