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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

May: Pole's Home	1710 Del Mar Dr.
June: Bohan's Home	748 Adell

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 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.

JUNE Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on May 5

Trip descriptions, reports, and material for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the 5TH 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

"UTAH'S SLOT CANYONS"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.

IDAHO FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Club members Eric Larsen and Julie Geng will team up at our June meeting to present a slide show about hiking and exploring southern Utah's redrock slot canyons. These beautiful canyons-sometimes wet, sometimes dry, sometimes requiring technical rock climbing gear-are sheer rock-walled narrow gorges that have been carved by water and wind over time into the sandstone rock of southern Utah, an area containing one of the largest concentrations of slot canyons in the world.

The program will feature slides of recent Club climbing trips to Pine Creek Canyon in Zion National Park and Yankee Doodle Canyon, adjacent to the Park. Slides will also include Wildhorse Canyon in Green River, Utah and U Turn, Granary, Winter Camp Slot and Dragonfly Canyons-all in the Moab, Utah area.

Eric is a seasoned program presenter for the club, having given us previous programs on backpacking in the Gates of the Arctic National Park, climbing Mt. McKinley and rafting the Tatshenshini River in Alaska. Julie has also given us a previous program about trekking in New Zealand. Come and enjoy Eric and Julie's latest program featuring photographs of navigating Utah's winding and scenic slot canyons.

The meeting is open to the public and all outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org or log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org.

President Speaks

It appears that I jumped the gun so to speak in last month's newsletter, when I commented that spring was coming. Right now it does not look like we will have spring. We'll just go into summer. And summer may be cooler than normal, meaning that there will be snow in the mountains for much longer than usual, and more water in the rivers and tributaries. With cooler weather, a longer melt, and continued moisture in the region be aware that there will likely be a great many more of those forest/river friendlies – mosquitoes! With that, we may hear of more West Nile occurrences. So when outdoors this season, make sure you take the necessary precautions regarding mosquitoes.

Sam Pole

Participation on Club Activities

Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips or trips limited to club members: 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 or limited to club member 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.

Caribou-Targhee Maps on Line

From the Caribou-Targhee NF home page, click on Maps & Publications. This will take you to: "Motorized Vehicle Use Maps" (which don't show non-motorized trails), new official "Forest Maps" covering the whole forest (without topography), and "Other Maps". The "Other Maps" are full color printable maps with topography and are available for the Palisades, Teton Basin, Dubois and Westside ranger districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Hiking scale (1:50,000) maps of popular areas are also available. Other detailed forest and non-forest maps of popular hiking and mountain biking areas (new) are available on the Idaho Alpine Club website under Local Maps.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

It looks to be a cool spring and late summer so snow will be in the mountains for a while. Consequently, hiking will be in the desert for May and June.

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email sbpole@cableone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip.

All Trips Bring Your Own:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Dress in layers. Bring adequate extra 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- depending on activity or terrain.
10. Repair kit for your own equipment including duct tape.
11. Mat to sit on
12. Other personal items of interest

May 21: Day Hike / Arco Arch - Hike approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to see the arch via an established trail with some stairs. This time we may try to get up and under the arch. Please contact Sam Pole at 523-4970 prior to the hike. Meet at the west-side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center. Depart 8:30 a.m.

June 4: Day Hike / Crescent & Echo Crater - Approximately a 9 mile round-trip hike over level ground at Craters of the Moon National Monument west of Arco, Idaho. We can enter little visited Crescent Crater on our way to Echo Crater. We can climb to the top of Echo Crater and then circle around into it. Please contact Sam pole at 523-4970 prior to the hike. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for quick changing weather. Meet at the west-side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center area. Depart 8:00 a.m.

June 8: Evening Hike / North Menan Butte - We will be leading a short 2-3 mile day hike in the evening, for the BLM. The butte has been designated a National Natural Landmark and has been featured in geology lab textbooks for volcanic and geomorphic study. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for sometimes changing weather. For meeting time and location, please contact the Whithams via telephone at 520-1728 by June 7.

June 18: Day Hike / Big Southern Butte - Approximately 6 mile round-trip hike up an east facing ridge. The climb is steep over a partial trail and gains about 1500+ feet. Views from the top are of the surrounding Snake River plain and Craters of the Moon to the west. Please contact Sam Pole at 523-4970 prior to the hike. Bring water, a snack, and a jacket for quick changing weather and wind. Meet at the west side Wal-Mart in front of the garden center. Depart 8:30 a.m.

Bicycling

For bicycling information, evening club rides, or weekend club rides. contact Jeff Coward at 208.522.8135 or by email: bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org. Jeff has provided information on the club website, with dates and entry links, for some of the bicycle tours or races in the west. Look for the listing Bicycling 2011.

June 25:Mtn Bicycle Ride/West Yellowstone to Warm River-This is a mountain bike ride on the old railroad grade from West Yellowstone to Warm River. The trail is about 50 miles long, 54 miles if we take the side trip to Warm River Springs. Most of the trail is flat or downhill, with the only significant hills on the section from West Yellowstone to the top of Reas Pass. There are several options for riding this trail, including a one day trip along the entire length; a one day trip over Reas Pass to Big Springs, and then skipping the long flat middle section and riding the last downhill section from the road to Warm River Springs down to Warm River Campground; and a two day option with an overnight stay at Big Springs. The tunnel is closed, but there is a trail around it. A car shuttle is required for any of the options. The option or options for this year will depend on who wants to go and which option they prefer. Mid to late June is usually the best time for wildflowers, trail conditions, and temperatures. With the weather this year, it may have to be rescheduled if the trail still has snow pack on it over Reas Pass. Contact Jeff Coward if you have any questions. jdc1100@srv.net

The Idaho Coupon Nana

For all your coupon needs

IAC Member: Denise Miller 208.709.2809

idahocouponnana@gmail.com or www.IdahoCouponNana.com

Rafting

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

For trip information contact the trip leader indicated in the trip description. You MUST be an IAC member to participate in IAC raft trips or to rent IAC gear.

Club Gear available:

Rafts can be checked out by those who have demonstrated ability to handle a boat on the type of water to be run. Life jackets are included with each boat. Boats must be returned dry and clean. Damage to boat must be repaired and if extensive, paid for. Checkout fees are for days on the water. All fees go to the rafting fund to buy new equipment:

- 16-ft Ryken self-bailer - \$60/day
- 15-ft Aire self-bailer - \$60/day
- 13.5-ft Maravia self-bailer - \$60/day
- 14-ft Ryken conventional floor - \$20/day
- 14-ft Udisco conventional floor - \$20/day
- 2 - Inflatable kayaks - \$20/day each

May 27-30: Rafting /Main Salmon Memorial Day Weekend

– The annual trek to Shoup will be repeated this year for 2-3 days of day trips, rafting from the Spring Creek boat ramp down to the new ramp below Panther Creek. Depending on the participants preferences, we will do two runs of the ~12 mile stretch each day and have a potluck in the evening, Saturday and Sunday. We will camp at the Spring Creek Campground on the Salmon about a mile above Shoup. Those interested can go soak well-worked paddling muscles in the hot spring up Panther Creek. Those who participate must help in getting gear to Spring Creek and back, help set up and take down the rafts, and help with the shuttles. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) by May 22 if you plan to go. If you leave a message, indicate how many are coming in your group and whether they have life jackets. Wet suits are strongly recommended.

May & June: Training /Practice Runs for Lake Powell Trip:

Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) with your email address, if interested in participating on these evening paddles, even if you are not planning to go to Lake Powell. He plans to go out several evenings a week, depending on his schedule, and will let those who are interested know by email when he is going. You will need your own canoe or sea kayak and paddles.

June 24-July 4: Canoe/Kayak Lake Powell Trip -

This a flat water trip on the lake, so no downstream current to help. Page (Wahweep) to Bullfrog is approximately 100 miles. We will paddle about 10 miles per day. This is probably not a beginner trip, unless the beginner can paddle that far daily and is appropriately equipped. We are looking at ways to resupply along the way. We will try to put together some practice runs in the spring. Contact Greg Hulet if interested - 523-6199.

June: Rafting/Fall River Water Dependent(Class III+), 8 miles through canyon near Ashton. Day trip. Could run twice in a day if people are ambitious. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) early if you are interested in running the river when he goes.

Happening Hounds Pet Services

IAC Member: Liz Downing (208) 757-0108

happeninghounds@gmail.com

Areas covered: Greater Idaho Falls Area

Services: Home visits (minimum half hour), overnights, pet transport, exercise & social interaction for pets, general grooming (no clipping, etc). As a member of a professional pet sitters network, Liz offers reasonably priced, reputable, and insured pet services. For those of us with backyard bird feeders, Liz is a bird watcher too, she will keep them full for you if needed.

Call for rates.

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. Otherwise to find out about weekly 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

2011 Wednesday Night Climbing Schedule:

- June 2 Ririe (Weds. IAC Mtg: Slot Canyons)
- June 8 Blackfoot
- June 15 Pocatello
- June 22 Heise
- June 29 Paramount
- July 6 Pocatello
- July 13 Heise
- July 20 Blackfoot
- July 27 Pocatello
- Aug. 4 Paramount (Weds. IAC Picnic)
- Aug. 10 Heise
- Aug. 17 Pocatello
- Aug. 24 Paramount
- Aug. 31 Blackfoot

Stone Walls Rock Gym

Call 528.8610 for information. Hours currently are:

4-9 PM Monday - Friday & 12-9 PM Saturday

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

50th Anniversary IAC Logo T-Shirts Retro IAC Patches!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey, some black and some white. Dri Release material with embroidered 50th Anniversary IAC Logo! Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large.

A women's style short sleeve shirt is available for \$20 on a prepaid special order basis. It is fitted with shorter sleeves in a wicking material.

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.

Dates to Remember:

June 1: IAC General Meeting:
Utah's Slot Canyons

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Lake Powell

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Membership Fees

Full Year

10/1 7/1-12/31

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.

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