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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. IAC Council Meeting Monthly minutes are available on line.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

May 13: Whitham's Home	706 Laurelwood Ave
Jun 10: Beach's Home	416 E 700 N, Firth

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Bicycling	Ken Durstine	524-3505
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	201-1840
Conservation	Open	
Cross-Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	Whithams	520-1728
Day Hiking	Sam Pole	520-3630
Rafting	Greg Hulet	523-6199
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Publicity	Open	
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General Club Meeting

Held at **7:00 P.M.** on the first WEDNESDAY of each month, in the meeting location indicated in the program description.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

"WHERE ROADS WILL NEVER REACH"

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

555 WEST 25TH ST

From 17th Street & Rollendet, go south to 25th Street. Turn right (west). IDW is on the left side of street. Park in the parking lot to the east of the building. Enter via front door, then follow hallway around to the right to the meeting room.

This month, environmental historian Fred Swanson will provide us with a slide-illustrated talk about the history of wilderness preservation efforts in Idaho. Based on his new book, *Where Roads Will Never Reach: Wilderness and Its Visionaries in the Northern Rockies*, Fred's talk will relate the story of how a coalition of hunters, anglers, hikers and scientists came together between 1950 and 1980 to preserve Idaho's premier landscapes in the Selway-Bitterroot, Gospel Hump and Frank Church-River of No Return wildernesses. These brave activists were responsible for organizing the public support that enabled Congress to declare these areas wildernesses in 1964, 1978 and 1980 respectively and we, as well as future generations, are indebted to their efforts.

Fred makes his home in the foothills of Utah's Wasatch Range. He enjoys hiking, canoeing and cross-country skiing in his spare time.

The meeting 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

President Speaks

Hey Alpine Club members! It is that time of the year when we are looking forward to getting outside. This year think about leading a trip to a location you would like to go to, instead of hoping that one of the trip coordinators will magically think of the same thing. All you need to do, is coordinate the date with the appropriate coordinator, send a trip description to the bulletin editor by the deadline indicated for the month, print out a common release form for the trip participants to sign, lead the trip, don't lose anyone, and then send a trip report to the bulletin editor so everyone knows how much fun the trip was (and that you didn't lose anyone). The Common Release Form is conveniently located on the club web page and after the trip is completed, you need to send it to the club secretary. If there is a trip you really want to go on, but are unsure of your herding capabilities, it doesn't hurt to suggest it to the appropriate coordinator. Or maybe bribe them to schedule it.

I would also encourage you to sign up for some of the IAC trips coming up. It is rather disheartening for trip leaders when no-one signs up for their trips. If you're not sure about what the trip will be like call the trip leader and ask.

The Memorial Day float trip on the Salmon River is coming up and this is a fairly easy trip to go on if you are considering giving rafting a try. Even if you don't want to raft, it is a relaxing camp out with potluck dinners in the evenings plus nearby hot springs and a good way to meet new friends and have a good time.

So whatever your outdoor interests are, gear up and get out and enjoy yourself because we don't want to hear anyone voicing regrets by the time fall rolls around. ~Mark Whitham

Participation on Club Activities Common Adventures / Trips:

With the exception of rafting trips, or activities which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members: non-members may attend a maximum of ONE club trip or activity, then must be members in good standing to continue participating.

Participants must be members in good standing to go on rafting trips, trips which require the use of any club equipment, or trips limited to club members only, or needing rafting rentals. 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.

Additionally, be sure to ask the trip leader if your dog is welcome on a trip. Some locations prohibit our best friend or require they be leashed.

The following list of items is a general list that applies to many activities. If you are not sure if there is a specific item that is needed on a trip, be sure to ask the trip leader when signing up for the trip:

All Trips Bring Your Own (aka The 10 Essentials +):

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, bug repellent, 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.
- + Mat to sit on
+ Other personal items of interest (Bear Spray etc.)

Climbing

For information on club climbing trips contact Kevin Coble at 201-1840. To find out about weekly climbing locations or impromptu weekend trips, subscribe to the IAC climbing mailing list by visiting:

http://www.macrobotics.com/mailman/listinfo.cgi/iac_climbing or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to: iac_climbing-request@macrobotics.com.

YMCA Rock Climbing Gym

Call 528.8610 for information.

OR FOR CURRENT HOURS AND RATES:

WWW.IFYMCA.ORG/PROGRAMS/YMCA-CLIMBING-GYM/
Idaho Alpine Club members may show their membership card to receive 10% off daily rates or 10 punch card.

Non-technical Hiking / Mountaineering

Unless otherwise indicated in the trip descriptions contact Sam Pole: 520-3630, or email sbpole@cableone.net for trip information and to sign up to go on a scheduled trip, 24 hours prior to any trip.

Hiking and non-technical mountaineering is serious business...even "small" mountains. Inclement weather, exposure, traveling on snow can change an "easy" trip to a "difficult" trip in a matter of minutes. These alpine trips are not guided. These are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip has a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. Participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations. The IAC has no mountaineering gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring water (few hikes or climbs have access to water); food, clothing, and appropriate mountaineering gear (and be knowledgeable and experienced in its use). Trip lengths are indicated for an approximate round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to mountaineering or new to the area. Trips may be cancelled at the last minute due to weather or conditions outside of the leader's control.

May 9 Day Hike / Salamander Lake: This is the only hike I have scheduled for May due to other activities and absence for part of the month. The hike is in the Centennial Mts. that make up the border between Idaho and Montana. Jerry Painter rates this hike as moderate. It is approximately 7 miles roundtrip depending on routing. Please contact Sam Pole at 520-3630 prior to the hike. Meet at the west side WalMart in front of the garden center at 8 am.

August Date TBD Hike and Climb/Mount Cleveland in Montana: Cleveland is the highest peak in Glacier National Park. The trip is planned for mid-August, and will be a 3-day backpack. We will start at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station at the south end of Waterton Lake. We will then hike on a trail to Stony Indian Lake, where we will camp both nights. Summit day will be about 10-12 hours, and will involve some Class 3 rock scrambling and a lot of Class 2 ledge walking on a goat trail. Total elevation gain is 6,500'. Round trip distance is 20 miles. No technical climbing gear is needed under normal conditions. We will meet at the St Mary Ranger Station the day before the hike to pick up our camping permits. We will then drive over into Canada and camp at the northern end of Waterton Lake. The next day we take the boat to Goat Haunt and start the hike. *Contact me by May 1 if you're interested in going. john.hamann@us.af.mil, 575-437-6303.*

July Date TBD Hike and Climb/Tweedy Mountain in Montana: This mountain is 11,154' high, and is the highest point in the Pioneer Mountains. Tweedy has an impressive isolation of 75 miles, making it one of the highest mountains in western Montana. This will be a Class 2 climb, 10 miles

round trip with 3,800' of elevation gain. The first half of the hike will be on a trail, then we will leave the trail and go up the NE Ramp. The summitpost link is below. Since this is a remote area, we should have a minimum group size of four people. Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail at john.hamann@us.af.mil. *If you're interested in going, contact me by June 1.* I might also include Mount Jefferson in our itinerary if there is enough interest. <http://www.summitpost.org/tweedy-mountain/220408>

July Date TBD Backpack and Climb/Big Horn Crags-Mount McGuire: This mountain is 10,082' high, and is the highest point in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. This will be a Class 2 climb, 22 miles round trip with 5,600' of total elevation gain. The trip will be a 2-day overnight backpack. We'll camp one night at Birdbill Lake. Most of the hike will be on a trail. We will follow the GPS route posted by Ken Jones on peakbagger.com. The link is below. The trailhead is at Crags Campground. Since this is a remote area, we should have a minimum group size of four people. Call John Hamann at 575-437-6303, or e-mail at john.hamann@us.af.mil. *If you're interested in going, contact me by June 1.* <http://www.peakbagger.com/climber/ascent.aspx?aid=274192>

Editors Note: Take Deet, Lots of Deet! And a mosquito net. The mosquitoes are horrendous this time of year in the Crags. We spent a week wearing our rain gear because we didn't take enough Deet.

Bicycling

The IAC bike rides are self-supported, group adventure outings. Each trip will have a leader who serves as a resource to the group and provides some basic trip structure. However participants are expected to evaluate their own physical and mental abilities prior to participating, assist with transportation, cooperate with others, participate in decision-making, identify and reduce risk to themselves and the group, and be self-reliant in preparations. The IAC has no biking gear to loan. For all outings, participants are expected to bring their own water; food, clothing, and appropriate bike maintenance gear (and to be knowledgeable and experienced in its use).

Trip lengths are indicated for a round trip distance. Contact leaders with questions if you are new to biking or new to the area. Trips may be cancelled or rescheduled at the last minute due to weather or conditions outside of the leader's control.

For May Rides, please be sure to watch the club FaceBook page for late in the week ride notices, depending on the weather forecasts. May can be rainy and or windy.

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 22-25 /Rafting - Main Salmon-Shoup stretch:

11-miles of class 3+ whitewater. One or 2 runs per day. Camp at Spring Creek Campground. Pot luck Saturday and Sunday nights. Everyone going needs to plan to help haul gear to Spring Creek and back to Idaho Falls. Participants should also plan to help with the shuttle for the runs or come prepared to pay gas money to those driving. Wet or dry suits are highly recommended. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199) by May 17 if you plan to come so that gear hauling assignments can be made. You are welcome to come for the hot-potting (Panther Creek, Owl Creek), hiking, and pot-lucking even if you aren't into the rafting.

May 30 / Rafting - Fall River: Eight miles of class 3+-4 water. One or two runs depending on the group's preferences. Contact Greg Hulet several days in advance to make sure enough will be coming to have the trip happen. At least two boats are needed. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199)

August 22 / Rafting - Alpine Canyon: Eight miles of class 3+ water. Contact Greg Hulet (523-6199)

IAC Logo T-Shirts & Patches!

Dri Release material with embroidered IAC Logo! Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large Short sleeve \$20 each. Long sleeve \$25 each. 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.



We now have 3.5" X 2.45" vinyl IAC stickers available. Renewing members will receive 1 per single or 2 per family upon renewal. Additional stickers are 50 cents each.

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Dates to Remember:

- May 6: IAC MEETING: "WHERE ROADS WILL NEVER REACH"
- May 9: Day Hike / Salamander Lake
- May 22-25: Rafting/Main Salmon-Shoup stretch
- May 30: Rafting / Fall River
- Jul (?): Date TBD Hike and Climb/Tweedy Mountain in Montana
- Jul (?): Date TBD Backpack and Climb/Big Horn Crags-Mount McGuire
- Aug(?): Date TBD Hike and Climb/Mount Cleveland in Montana
- Aug 22: Rafting / Alpine Canyon
- Climbing: Subscribe to find out updates to the weekly winter climbing plans. See page 3 for information on how to subscribe.

Become a Fan

Find us on Facebook. Last minute trips can be posted on the wall. Additionally, photos from club trips you have gone on can be easily posted on the wall singly or as an album if you took a lot of photos.

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Join today

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

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Membership Fees

	Full Year	Part Year 7/1 - 9/30
Individuals:	\$25	\$20
Families:	\$30	\$25

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Otherwise the normal Membership year is January 1-December 1.

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 (Non-Sale Items Only)
- Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
Snake River Crossing (Excludes bicycles)
- Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932 (Accessories Only)
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- The Preparedness Store & Bosch Kitchen Center 120 Northgate Mile Idaho Falls, ID 524-8300
10% off backpacking, dehydrated & freeze-dried foods 10% off any outdoor accessories
- YMCA Climbing Gym 528-8610
755 South Capital Avenue
- Lynna and Leland Howard offer a 10% discount on their published books.
357-1917 or 357-3166;
lynna.howard@mac.com
leland@wildernessbooks.com
- Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books.