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Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Council Meetings:

October: Whitham's Home 706 Laurelwood Ave

Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	529-8142
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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.

NOVEMBER Bulletin Deadline is:

5 PM on OCTOBER 10

Materials 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 "Sea Kayaking in Belize"

Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 7:30 PM
IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Our Oct. 1st program features Charlie Woodward, from Victor, Idaho, speaking about sea kayaking. Charlie started whitewater kayaking with the Idaho Alpine Club in the early '80's. He led outdoor education trips and guided whitewater rafting in Wyoming and Utah for a couple of decades. Charlie first tried sea kayaking in New Zealand in 1990, and quickly branched out into Baja, Mexico Sea of Cortez trips. He has led trips in Baja, on Lake Powell, and currently spends several months each winter working for Slickrock Adventures (www.Slickrock.com) at their Adventure Island resort on Long Caye, Glover's Atoll, an island paradise 35 miles off the coast of Belize. He instructs sea kayaking, wind surfing, surf kayaking, snorkeling and is often island manager too. The Slickrock program offers rustic cabanas on a private island in a marine reserve, surrounded by amazingly beautiful reefs and fish. 80 degree water is very inviting in the winter! Charlie will show slides to introduce us to sea kayaking and the Slickrock program, then answer questions.

When Charlie isn't on the water, he runs Natural Resource Co. and designs and installs renewable energy power systems in eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming.

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

President Speaks

Fall is in the air. This is a great time to get out and enjoy the cooler temperatures and fall colors. Don't miss out on this last chance to get one more good trip in before the snow starts to fly. A long day hike or a climbing trip to The City of Rocks would be a great way to wrap up your summer.

Fall is also the time of year when the Alpine Club is looking for people to run for positions on the council. If you are interested in making a contribution to the club by serving on the council, contact one of the current council members or show up at the next regular meeting and let us know. We are looking for four members to run for council positions and elections will be in November. Don't wait, get your name on the ballot now.

Mark Whitham

October 18:

IAC Highway Clean-Up

It is that time of year to contribute to the community and have a great time with friends while helping to clean up our short 2 mile section of Highway 31. The section is located between mile marker 6 & 8 near the old Pine Basin Ski area.

Benefits include getting out in the fresh air, exercise, the feeling of pride in your efforts every time you drive thru that section of highway, the potluck picnic or bike ride or hike or maybe some geocaching afterwards. In return matching bright orange safety vests and trash sacks are provided for our use.

Work gloves are required. Leather boots & safety glasses recommended.

Remember the more who show up the faster the work is done.

For more information and to sign up for this easy fun trip, call the Whithams at 520.1728 or 520.7232.

Day Hiking / Backpacking

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.

NOTE: The following meeting and time information applies to trips led by Sam Pole. If anyone else is leading a trip call them for the meeting location, time, and to sign up to go.

Trip Meeting Places: Unless otherwise noted will leave from two locations:

1. Trips west of the Snake River at Idaho Falls will leave from the West-side Walmart (parking lot at the garden side).
2. Trips basically east of the Snake River at Idaho Falls will leave from the East-side Walmart on Hitt Road (north end or McDonald's end of parking lot).

Trip departures will be at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lots, unless otherwise noted.

If running late, please call or at least always check the parking lot first because others may have called to say they also will be late. If it is more convenient for you to meet us on the way or at the trailhead, please call to let me know. For instance, if someone lives in Rexburg and we are headed past Rexburg to go hiking, we can always meet-up there and proceed.

Hike Minimums:

1. Water
2. Food/snacks
3. Protective clothing-no cotton
4. Minor first aide items
5. Appropriate shoes
6. Personal medications, as needed during the day.

Suggested Other Items:

1. Sun glasses
2. Sun screen
3. Hat
4. Light gloves
5. Hiking staff or poles
6. Other personal items of interest depending on whether one is a minimalist or tech-head.

October 4 / Dayhike / Teton Canyon:

Hike up Teton Canyon, the Devil's Staircase, and to the end of the Teton Canyon Shelf. Round-trip is approximately 7 miles and should be moderate in overall effort. Trip leader is Sam Pole. Please contact him by telephone (523-4970) prior to the hike. Meet at the Ammon Wal-Mart in front of the garden area at 7:30 a.m.

October 18 / Dayhike / Coal Creek Taylor Mountain:

Hike Coal Creek Meadows/Taylor Mountain in the Tetons. Round-trip is approximately 7.5 miles and is considered somewhat strenuous with approximately a 3,000 foot elevation gain. Trip leader is Sam Pole. Please contact him by telephone (523-4970) prior to the hike. Meet at the Ammon Wal-Mart in front of the garden area at 7:30 a.m.

November 8 / Dayhike / Craters of the Moon:

This will be the last Alpine Club scheduled hike of 2008. Hike Craters of the Moon west of Arco, Idaho out to Echo Crater. Round-trip is approximately 5 miles. The terrain is mostly level. Trip leader is Sam Pole. Please contact him by telephone (523-4970) prior to the hike. Meet at the west-side Idaho Falls Wal-Mart in front of the garden area at 8 a.m.

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.

November 25 - 29 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,
info@yellowstoneskifestival.com or
<http://www.yellowstoneskifestival.com/>

December 6 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 \$5 for up to a 12 foot tree. For more information and to sign up for this easy fun trip, call the Whithams at 520.1728 or 520.7232.

Climbing

For information on fall trips, driving instructions, or to sign up to go, contact Kevin Coble at 529-8142 or Eric Larsen at 522-9354. To find out about fall climbing locations or about 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

The great thing about the e-mail list is that anyone can plan a trip and let others know about it. So speak up if you've got a trip you want to plan.

Note: If you plan a trip far enough in advance, please send it to editor@idahoalpineclub.org to post in the monthly bulletin and let club members who haven't subscribed to the e-mail list know about it too.

TWO MAXIM ROPES RECALLED

New England Ropes, makers of Maxim climbing ropes, has announced a recall of its yellow/black and red/yellow Apogee 9.1mm ropes (sold between August 2006 and May 2008) and its blue Pinnacle 9.5mm rope (sold between February 2007 and May 2008). Climbers should immediately stop using these ropes and contact Maxim by phone to arrange a replacement; call toll-free at 1-866-617-9038. For more information on the recall, visit www.neropes.com/maxim/recall/.

Rafting

For information on renting club rafting gear (IAC club members in good standing 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.

Through - November: 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.

For those planning to take a group to Alpine Canyon the following rules apply. You will be ticketed if you are caught breaking them:

1. If your party is 15 people or less, no other limits apply, including the four boat limit.
2. Organizational trips only apply to groups with a paid leader (ISU Outdoor Program, Youth Minister, etc.).

Trip Reports

September 7: We had an great afternoon, performing some maintenance on the Wind Cave trail. Mark repaired section of the trail at the trailhead to keep it from washing out next spring. Susan and Donna spent an enjoyable afternoon loping branches and clearing brush back from the sides of the trail.

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
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
522-3932
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls
- ★ Alpine Schwinn 523-1226
1352 S. Holmes Ave.
- ★ Bill's Bike Shop 522-3341
805 S. Holmes Ave.

- ★ 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
- ★ Stone Walls Rock Gym. \$1 off of Daily Rate. Call 528.8610 for information and winter hours.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

Big Holes Mtn. Bike Trail Maps

New US Forest Service maps of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts have been posted on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website. To see them go to:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/caribou-targhee/palisades/maps.shtml> for the map index) reflecting the new summer travel plan for the Big Holes and some trail number changes elsewhere.

The changes to the Big Holes include: cross country travel by bicycle is now prohibited; riding is are only allowed on FS designated trails and roads. Also, previously ATV travel was allowed on all trails designated motorized but now ATVs are restricted to trails designed for ATVs. Many trails previously open to ATVs are now delimited to motorcycle travel. Some trails are being closed and others are now hiking/equestrian/ biking trails that were previously motorized. Some new trails will be build. These changes are reflected a set of 10 maps covering all of the Palisades and Teton Basin Ranger Districts at a scale of 1:112,500. Twelve "specialty" trail maps have also been revised. These are hiking scale maps, 1:50,000 scale, covering popular hiking, ATV and motorcycle trail areas. One entirely new map shows the newly designated and constructed mtn biking trails in the Horseshoe Canyon area west of Driggs. These color maps are free for download and the only current maps available to the public. The trail designations are now legally enforceable.

Dates to Remember:

- October 1: IAC General Meeting
- October 4: Dayhike / Teton Canyon
- October 18: IAC Highway Clean-Up
- October 18: Dayhike / Coal Creek Taylor Mountain
- November 8: Dayhike / Craters of the Moon
- Through November: Rafting / Alpine Canyon
- December 6: Snowshoe/XCSki/ Annual Christmas Tree Hunt
- Climbing: Subscribe to find out the weekly climbing location.

Get out there and experience it!

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:

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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 at www.idahoalpineclub.org

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, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact the club Treasurer to get yours sooner.

Grey Sale!!!!

All long sleeve grey silk screened IAC logo T-shirts are now \$14 instead of the normal \$21. All short sleeve grey silk screened IAC logo T-shirts are now \$10 instead of the normal \$14. These would make a great gift for the hiker that has everything. We will not be ordering any more silk screened logo T-shirts; this is your last chance. Contact the club Treasurer for size availability and to buy now.

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