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## Council Meetings:

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

Upcoming Council Meetings:

September: Sherwin's Home  
6695 Rimrock Dr

## Activity Coordinators:

Backpacking	Sam Pole	523-4970
Bicycling	Jeff Coward	522-8135
Climbing/Mountaineering	Kevin Coble	529-8142
	Eric Larsen	522-9354
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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.

## OCTOBER Bulletin Deadline is:

### **5 PM on SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:editor@idahoalpineclub.org)

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

## IDAHO ALPINE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

### "Owyhee Canyonlands"

Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 7:30 PM

### IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY

Senator Mike Crapo has introduced a bill in the Senate (S. 2833) to protect the vast sagebrush steppe and canyonlands in southwest Idaho known as the Owyhee Canyonlands. Layne Bangerter, the senator's State Director for Natural Resources and Environment, will speak to us about the pristine lands and rivers of this unspoiled ecosystem. He'll describe how county officials, ranchers, hunters, conservationists and motorized recreational users recognized the importance of protecting this desert resource and came together and addressed each other's concerns and hammered out an agreement to protect 517,000 acres of wilderness and 315 miles of wild and scenic rivers. This summer the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported out the Owyhee Public Lands Management Act of 2008, the bill Senator Crapo drafted to codify the provisions the Owyhee stakeholders agreed upon, and the Senate will vote on the bill later this fall. Be sure to come and learn about the efforts to protect this beautiful part of our state. 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](http://www.idahoalpineclub.org) or contact Bob Tyler at [programs@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:programs@idahoalpineclub.org).

### President Speaks

Where has the summer gone? August is almost gone, so now is the time to get in all those trips that you had planned this summer but haven't found time for. Don't be afraid to call one of the trip coordinators if you are looking for something to do. Not all of the trips are planned in time to make it into the bulletin. The climbers have their mailing list to keep up with trips that get planned at the last minute (see the instructions in the bulletin to get on the list) but the rest of the activity coordinators still use the telephone.

The annual club picnic at Sealander Park went great as usual. Good food, good friends, good time. I would like to thank Teak Cummings for all her hard work to make it happen and Dan Cummings for the use of his barbecue grill and all the burgers and hotdogs that he cooked. If you missed it then plan on attending our next party the first Wednesday in November. So be safe, get out and most of all have fun.

Mark Whitham

## Day Hiking / Backpacking

Sam will be out of town most of the month of September. October hikes will be posted in the October bulletin. Contact Sam Pole: Home-523-4970, cell-520-3630, or email [sbpole@cableone.net](mailto: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.

## September 7: Dayhike / Trail Maintenance / South Darby Canyon Wind Cave Trail - Trip

Coordinator: Whithams. Round trip is 6.8 miles with a 2000 foot elevation gain. The hike is fairly moderate. The trail is located on the west slope of the Tetons.

We will be performing maintenance on the trail. Wear boots, bring work gloves and loping shears and a small saw if you have one, lunch, water, and the 10 "E's". We have an extra pulaski available. A short section of the trail really needs to be grubbed out to bring it back to spec and several short cuts on the switchbacks need to be brushed out again.

There has been a grizzly lurking on the trail part of the summer. Anyone going will need to carry bear spray, keep their packs in sight, and leash their dogs if they bring them.

Contact the Whithams 520.1728 or, [editor@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:editor@idahoalpineclub.org) or [president@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:president@idahoalpineclub.org) for trip information, meeting location, meeting time, and to sign up to go.

## 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 last minute changes to the summer climbing schedule 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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 2008 Wednesday Evening

### Climbing Schedule:

August 27 - Blackfoot

In case anyone would like more information on what a screamer suit is, here you go:

[http://www.cmrescue.com/product.php?dept\\_id=20704](http://www.cmrescue.com/product.php?dept_id=20704)

## 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/](http://www.neropes.com/maxim/recall/).

## YOSEMITE: CLIMB BIG WALLS, ENJOY FREE CAMPING, HELP SCIENTISTS

September is the best month to savor climbing in Yosemite Valley, and you can enjoy up to three full weeks of free, quiet, spacious camping in the heart of Valley as a volunteer with the Lichen Inventory Project. National Park Service scientist Martin Hutten will lead this year's project, which will focus on lichen streaks on the Valley's big walls.

This lichen project is open to all qualified climbers, and is especially valuable to students, teachers, or others who have a background in biology. The project runs September 1 to 21, and you can choose dates during that period to fit your schedule. For more information on this climber/ranger collaboration, or to sign up, please contact Linda McMillan: (415) 309-7961; [Linda@mountains-wcpa.org](mailto:Linda@mountains-wcpa.org).

## **CLIMBERS: FUND YOUR NEXT TRIP, BE A STAR**

Discovery Channel is seeking cast members for a new Alaskan adventure series. "The challenge, if you dare to accept it, is to join a band of fellow explorers and journey through some of the harshest climates and roughest terrains in the world: the Alaskan wilderness." E-mail [Alaskaproject@gmail.com](mailto:Alaskaproject@gmail.com) with a recent photo, contact info, and a short statement of "why you feel you are up to the challenge." More info at 818-752-5559.

## **Bicycling**

For fall and winter biking information and or trips, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or email:

[bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org](mailto:bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org)

Weather can affect events at any time of year. Most events are held regardless of weather conditions, but events can be abbreviated or cancelled due to weather at any time. If conditions are questionable, contact an event coordinator for a status update.

## **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](mailto: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.).

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## **Trip Reports**

August 8-10: The Iron Bog overnight hike was awesome. The weather was again perfect, scenery stunning, and the fish were biting. The only drawback was that Gaylon Lords and myself were the only ones to go. Everyone else missed a beautiful outing. Also there were still quarter acre snowfields along the trails.

### **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;  
[lyna.howard@mac.com](mailto:lyna.howard@mac.com)  
[leland@wildernessbooks.com](mailto: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 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:

September 4: IAC Annual Picnic / Sealander Park

August 27: Climbing / Blackfoot

September 7: Dayhike / Trail Maintenance / South Darby Canyon Wind Cave Trail

Through November: Rafting / Alpine Canyon

Climbing Outside: Subscribe to find out Weekly climbing location until it is too cold to climb outside.

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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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83403-2883**

[www.IdahoAlpineClub.org](http://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](http://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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