

Outdoor Program provides low cost trips

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It was raining Saturday in Eugene when a group of nine students from the Outdoor Program left campus for the Cascades to cross-country ski. What - had been a rainy fall day in Eugene, slowly changed to a snowy, winter day on the way up Santiam Pass.

Six inches of snow in the Hoodoo Mountain Ski area at the top of the pass proved to be enough for the skiers. Skiers with waxless skis were soon - trekking about, trying out the first skiable snow of the season, while those with wax skis were guessing which wax would work the best under the snow conditions.

For several of the people on the trip, this was their first time on cross-country skis. The experienced skiers in the group furnished tips which might be helpful for the beginners.

Soon the group, spread out for more than half a mile, was gliding along the shore of Big Lake. They stopped for lunch at one of the campgrounds along the lake shore before turning away from the lake and circling Hayrick Butte. After a laborious climb to the pass between Hayrick and Hoodoo Buttes, the skiers had an easy glide down to the parking lot.

The trip concluded with a soothing



dip in a natural hot springs above Cougar Reservoir.

This trip is just one example of a Cooperative Wilderness Adventure. The University's Outdoor Program has many trips each year, with spontaneous activities that vary from ski-tour trips, with sign-up sheets posted in the Outdoor Program office a few days or weeks prior to the trip, to longer, more

difficult trips that are planned far in advance and are often published in a bi-yearly publication, Cooperative Wilderness Adventures (CWA).

This list of wilderness trips includes trips by Outdoor Programs throughout the United States and Canada.

These wilderness trips are initiated by people who have a dream of an adventure. They post a sign-up sheet in

the Outdoor Program office with the proposed idea for a trip and a tentative time for a group meeting. Once the group meets, the wilderness adventure can be planned, organized and carried out.

Each trip listed in the CWA brochure or posted on the trip board at the Outdoor Program is initiated by people who are interested in sharing their experience and knowledge.

Group expenses are planned, organized and shared equally, consisting only of food, transportation and group equipment costs.

The low cost of these adventures is perhaps one of their best features, Outdoor Program members say. For example, during the summer of 1973, 12 common adventurers from several states planned a three-week, 150-mile float trip on two Wild Rivers in Idaho - the Middle Fork of the Salmon and the Selway.

The group cooperatively planned all food, group equipment and the transportation for 2,500 miles, with the total cost of the trip per person running about \$70. A similar three-week long adventure, organized by a school or guide, can cost between \$500 and \$1,800 per person, not including transportation.

Because there are no formal leaders,

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Education symposium planned

A symposium on the use of direct instruction in elementary education will be held Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

According to Doug Carmine, Associate Professor of Teacher Education at the University, direct instruction is an educational approach for teachers to acquire the necessary skills to teach elementary school-aged children.

In a national evaluation, it proved to be the only generally effective approach for teaching educationally high-risk students of the 10 methods evaluated.

The symposium is geared toward students newly accepted to the elementary education program and anyone else who is interested in the use of direct

instruction.

The program for the symposium will be a general introduction to the courses offered as a specialization within the elementary education department. It will include video tapes describing the components of direct instruction, overviews of how to teach basic skills to children and sessions on how to train student teachers in these

skills.

Six courses offered at the University, including the practicum, emphasizing direct instruction. Carmine says these courses are geared toward preparing the teachers to go out and work with children with special educational disabilities as well as fulfilling some of the course requirements for elementary certification.

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Any groups of five or more people who wish to schedule a tutorial should call Joanne Hugi or David Ulrich at x4416 to arrange an appointment.

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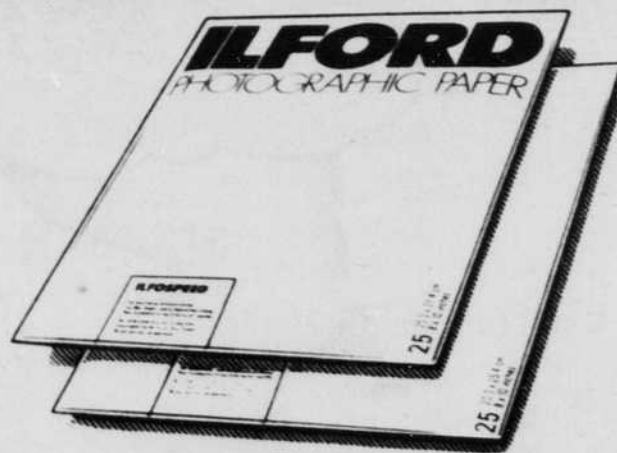
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