

Winter 99 Event Calendar

Heidi Howkins on K-2: Mixed Intuitions

Jan
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American high-altitude alpinist Heidi Howkins will present "Mixed Intuitions," a slide show covering her recent climbs, including an attempt of K-2 in 1998 and her successful summit of Gasherbrum II in 1997. Heidi is one of only a handful of women in the world who is currently climbing 8,000-meter peaks without high-altitude porters or supplementary oxygen. She has also launched "The SupPorters Project," to solicit contributions and financial support for the local porters hired by expeditions. Her goal with the project is to enable expeditions to provide the porters with adequate equipment. The slide show is sponsored by McKenzie Outfitters and Mountain Hardware, manufacturer of the mountaineering tents, sleeping bags and clothing which Heidi uses when climbing.

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

O.P. Kayak Pool Sessions

Tired of schlepping your gear to the pool sessions at Echo Hollow? The Outdoor Program, with the help of Oregon River Sports, has reserved pool space at Gerlinger Pool on the U of O Campus for five skill builder sessions. An O.P. staffer will be on hand to offer informal tips, **but instruction is not provided.** Hone those skills and let's get on the river! Small pool means space will fill fast.

Reserve your spot by pre-paying at the O.P. Office. Discount for pre-paying for all five sessions!

Pool Session:	\$3 UO students and O.P. Co-op members
	\$5 General Admission
O.P. Kayak Rental	\$3 (first come basis)

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 Call for details

Avalanche Awareness Clinic

Jan
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Avalanches are a serious hazard for winter backcountry travelers. Skiers and climbers literally can trigger their own destiny by venturing onto unstable slopes. Attending this evening clinic by avalanche expert Jim Blinard, Director of the UO Outdoor Pursuits Program, will raise your awareness and understanding of avalanche hazards. The slide show presentation will include a discussion of avalanche types, hazard estimation, route selection, rescue techniques and equipment. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

Introduction to GPS

Jan
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The Global Positioning System (GPS), can be a useful navigation and safety tool for backcountry travelers. This workshop will cover the basics of how these units work, identify the conditions they are and are not useful in, and how to use GPS with maps and charts for navigation. While the clinic will feature the Garmin GPS system, the information is easily transferred to other makes. Garmin GPS units are available for check-out through the Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library. See the facing page for more information on the library. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: EMU Outdoor Program Room

Arctic Kayak Expedition

Feb
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On July 4th, 1998, Jason and Ryan Tinsley left civilization behind, cutting themselves off from outside communication and support, and entered a world where success is based on the ability to adapt to any situation. In one of the most dramatic North American expeditions accomplished in years, Ryan and Jason faced Arctic wilderness situations, starvation, solitude, fatigue, and bears! Join them for a slide show and lecture documenting their journey as they navigated flatwater, whitewater, the ocean and a 200 mile upstream drag and portage. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

Forest Service Trailhead Fees Debate

Feb
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Last year, the Willamette National Forest, along with several other forests, abruptly introduced a new revenue program called Adventure Pass or Trailhead Fee Program. This program is a test program authorized by Congress with possible permanent implementation on the horizon. The difficult issue of the merit of the fee has sharply polarized the self-propelled outdoor recreation community. Andy Stahl of AFSEE and Scott Silver from Wild Wilderness are both articulate and passionate advocates for each side of the issue and have agreed to a public debate to present their arguments. This event promises to be a very lively, interesting and in depth discussion on trailhead fees. Free!

Wednesday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

O.P. Trip Initiator's Clinic

Feb
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The most exciting element of Outdoor Program cooperative trips is the opportunity for anyone to shape their own outdoor adventure. No specialized skills are required, just a desire to participate and get the trip process rolling. This event will cover the basic steps of initiating a common adventure trip as well as outlining the economic and spiritual benefits of being a trip volunteer, such as free equipment rental, leadership training, and opportunity for personal growth, and more. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: EMU Outdoor Program

O.P. Raft Trip Initiator's Clinic

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Really!? Access to all that boating and transportation equipment to do river trips when and where I want!? Yep! Become an OP raft trip initiator: it's easy! The first night covers OP philosophy, liability, trip planning, and procedures. Saturday we'll go over equipment, barn, vehicles, safety and more, then do a short fun river trip on the McKenzie. **Attendance at both sessions is required to become an initiator.** If you can't go boating on Saturday, you can still come for the morning Barn session. Cost: \$12 for river trip.

Thursday, 7:30 pm: EMU Outdoor Program
Saturday, 9:00 am: The Barn

First Descent of Borneo's Limbang River

Feb
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Borneo, the world's third largest island, holds the oldest rain forest on earth and is home to a vast diversity of plants and animals. It is also a land of great confrontation where some of the world's last nomadic people strain for existence against encroaching natural resource extraction. In an effort to explore what may be the last remaining pristine river in Borneo, Sprague Ackley and Eric Volk set out in October, 1997 to kayak the Limbang River, from its source near the Malaysian/Indonesian border to the South China Sea. Come join Eric and Sprague as they take you down the river in slides and stories. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

Outdoor Store Garage Sale

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Returns, discontinued items, excess inventory, used rental gear and other deals will be flying at this unique gathering of Eugene's most popular outdoor gear stores! These folks are here to get rid of stock at bargain prices. This exciting event provides a great compliment to our traditional, private sellers Equipment Swap. See you there! Free.

Tuesday 7:30 pm: EMU Ballroom

O.P. Events E-Mail List

To receive a notice of the current week's upcoming on campus events, send an e-mail to dgeiger@darkwing.uoregon.edu with a subject message, "add events list" and nothing in the message body.

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