

O.P. Cooperative Trips

The unique quiet of snow awaits you in the peaks nestled around Eugene. Backcountry and telemark skiing, backpacking, snowboarding, snow camping, kayaking...being in the wilderness in winter offers a chance to see the wonder of nature when it is far less crowded. There will be dozens of cooperative trips posted on the OP trip board this season. Our philosophical format is summed up



with these words: egalitarian, experiential, low-cost, noncompetitive, self-propelled, cooperative, environmentally sound, participant initiated, and open ended. Nothing is more rewarding than learning experientially among friendly peers and creating your own outdoor adventure. Rather than the Outdoor Program offering a series of trip packages, we encourage and help participants create, launch and fulfill their own adventure desires. If you're not into what you see posted by others on the board, and you want to get outdoors, post a trip sheet yourself. The trip board is a wilderness ride board. Someone puts up a trip idea and off it goes.

Elements of OP trips:

- **Trips must be open.** All trip sheets must be posted on the trip board and be open to any qualified participant to sign up, and must be posted a reasonable time before the trip. When a trip sheet is posted, at least half the spaces must be open to anyone able to participate.

- **Cost sharing.** All group expenses are shared equally and fully by the group. Because trips share only actual expenses, trips can be incredibly inexpensive.

- **Decision sharing.** Everyone is encouraged to give input in a consensus decision. Everyone participates in shaping and owning decisions. Decisions are often better and more creative with everyone brainstorming rather than a single "leader."

- **Work sharing.** Each trip requires a fair amount of group work before, during and after the trip. Every participant is expected to pitch in and help the group effort.

Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library



On November 5, 1995, U of O students Frank Allard and Michael Casey failed to return to camp after a summit attempt on the North Sister on a private outing. The Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library was created by the UO Outdoor Program and the ASUO in response to this tragic accident. This Library makes a variety of wilderness safety gear and resources available for any UO student or Outdoor Program co-op member for wilderness outings. There is no charge for any of the gear, although any cell phone use must be reimbursed. Users are also responsible for any loss or damage.

Cell phones: Ultra small Sony cell phones are available for emergency communications. The phones are for emergency use only, and the user is responsible for all phone company charges.

VHF radios: VHF radios are for use while on the water, primarily sea kayaking and sailing, and are useful for obtaining marine weather forecasts and for communicating with the Coast Guard and other boats.

GPS units: GPS units are available for use as navigational aids in wilderness travel. Its most common use in backcountry travel is to aid a traveler in returning to a particular point, such as camp or the car. They are also extensively used in sailing.

Avalanche transceivers: Ortovox F1 transceivers are available to aid in locating persons buried by avalanches. Effective use requires practice! Avalanche probes, and shovels are also available.

O.P. Resource Center

Whether initiating an O.P. trip or planning one on your own, the Outdoor Program serves as Eugene's backcountry information center with libraries, boards, maps, and lots more to assist with trip planning and preparation. If we don't have the answer to your outdoor question, we know how to find it. Come by and visit our EMU office, you'll be amazed at the array of cool outdoor information we have on hand!

Resources

Trip Board
Safety Equipment Library
Used Equipment Board
Events Newsletter
Outdoor Video Library

Environmental Action Board
Guide Book Library
Trip Planning Resources
Equipment Care File
Outdoor Magazine Library
River Permit Information
Map Library
Safety and Rescue Handouts
Outdoor Book Lending Library
Transportation Opportunities
Outdoor Equipment Library
History of the O.P.
World Wide Web Page
Resource Staff and Volunteers

Workshops

Avalanche Awareness
Equipment Repair
Initiating Trips
Introduction to Whitewater
Whitewater Rescue
Paddle Captain Clinic
Rowing Clinic
Sea Kayak Navigation
Introduction to Sea Kayaking
Kayak Pool Sessions
River Permits Night
Ski Skill Clinics
Interpretive Outings
Environmental Action Projects

Events

Guest Lectures
Equipment Swaps
Movies & Slideshows
Environmental Presentations
Lunchtime Videos