

OP Trips, Resources & Gear

OP Cooperative Trips

Fall is here! The rivers are running and the trails are clear of snow so pull out your kayak, tune-up your mountain bike, and dust off your hiking boots because it's time for adventure! 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!

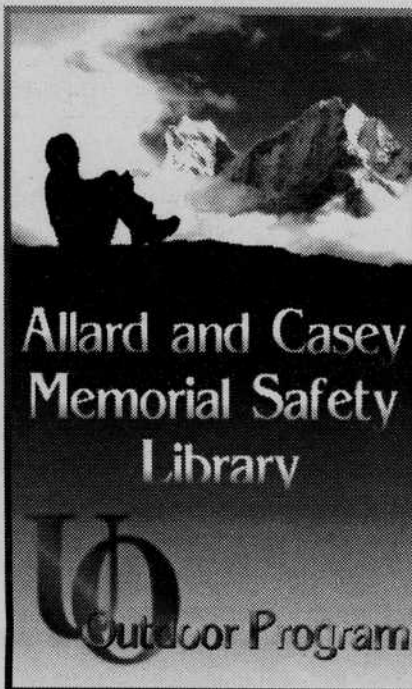
Elements of OP trips:

- 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" making all the decisions.
- 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.



OP 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, videos, equipment rental information and lots more to assist with trip planning and preparation. Our resource room houses the trip board where adventures are posted, groups are formed, and dreams come true! We also host clinics, workshops, and slideshows on everything from Sea Kayaking in Baja to Environmental Action Projects, to Avalanche Safety Clinics. If we don't have the answer to your outdoor question, we know how to find it. Come by and visit the EMU Outdoor Program; you'll be amazed at the array of cool outdoor information we have on hand!



On November 5, 1995, UO 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, VHF radios, GPS units, Avalanche transceivers, snow shovels, and more are available for use; call or drop by the office to reserve equipment.

OP Equipment Co-op

In order to facilitate cooperative trips, the Outdoor Program purchases and maintains a variety of recreation equipment which is available only for Outdoor Program trips. For details on this equipment call (346-4371) our trip facility, The Barn, located at the corner of 18th & University.

New B.O.B. Trailers & Ortlieb Panniers!

Want to go bike touring? We have new trailers and panniers for your mountain bike or road touring pleasure! Check out the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route or join the six-week bike trip in Ecuador in late May!

UO Outdoor Program Mail Card

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Dorm Box # _____

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OP Contact Information

O.P. Web Page Address

<http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>

O.P. Events E-mail List

The Outdoor Program has a popular e-mail list of those that would like to receive a notice of the current week's upcoming on campus events. Fill in the submission form on our web page, or send an e-mail directly to dgeiger@darkwing.uoregon.edu with a subject message, "add events list" and nothing in the message body.

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