

WINTER 2003 EVENTS

TRIP INITIATOR'S CLINIC

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN 16 AND 18

Become an OP trip initiator: it's easy. No specialized skills are required, just a desire to get the trip rolling. We'll cover the basic steps of initiating a common adventure trip and detail the benefits of being a trip volunteer, such as free equipment rental, leadership experience, and opportunities for personal growth. The first night covers OP philosophy, liability, trip planning, and procedures. Saturday we'll go over the use of the equipment facility (The Barn), the gear, vehicles, safety procedures, and more. Attendance at both sessions is required to become a trip initiator. Free!

Thursday, Jan 16, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program
Saturday, Jan 18, 9:30 am: OP Barn

OP KAYAK POOL SESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS, JAN 22, 29, AND FEB 5, 12, 19

Get ready to roll! Practice your skills in a warm, supportive environment. The Outdoor Program has reserved pool space at Gerlinger Pool on the UO Campus for five skill builder sessions. An OP staff person will be on hand to offer informal tips but **instruction is not provided**. A small pool means that space will fill quickly. Reserve your spot by prepaying at the OP Office. Pool Session: \$3 UO students and OP Co-op members, \$5 general admission, OP Kayak Rental \$5 (first-come basis).

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Gerlinger Pool

INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING SESSIONS

SATURDAYS, JAN 25, AND FEB 18, AND 15

Want to discover, or improve, your rock climbing skills while meeting other capable climbers? The OP has reserved time on the Student Recreation Center (SRC) Climbing Wall on the UO campus for four skill builder sessions. Instruction is not provided; this is simply an opportunity to build an OP rock climbing community and practice, practice, practice. When warm weather arrives we'll be ready to climb Smith Rock, Flagstone, Joshua Tree and more! Reserve your spot by prepaying at the OP Office. You must get belay checked at the SRC Rock Wall before the sessions begin. Rock climbing cost is \$3 per session if you have your own gear (harness/shoes/belay device) or \$5 if you need gear. It's time to climb and all skill levels are welcome!

Saturdays, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: UO-SRC Climbing Wall

OREGON'S PURE GEN: WALDO LAKE REVIEW

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Located 58 miles southeast of Eugene, Waldo Lake is one of the purest lakes in the world and the second largest lake in the state. This pristine lake and the surrounding area provide an opportunity for a variety of recreation experiences but the number of visitors has grown substantially over the past few decades resulting in additional stress to the area's resources and the purity of the lake. The US Forest Service manages the Waldo Lake area and four employees of this agency will present an overview of the management strategies, environmental education program, volunteer projects, as well as scientific studies of fish life and aquatic plants of this fascinating area. Free!

Thursday, Feb 13, 7:30 pm: Ben Linder Room

OUTDOOR PROGRAM EVENT E-MAIL LIST

The Outdoor Program has a popular e-mail list for those who would like to receive notice of the current week's upcoming events and trips. If you're interested in receiving this information, please complete the submission form on our web page:

<http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>

TUESDAY SNOW SERIES

AVALANCHE AWARENESS
SKI AND BOARD TUNING
SNOW CAMPING

10 TOP BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURS IN OREGON

AVALANCHE AWARENESS

The OP is joining the City of Eugene River House to offer an informative two-part avalanche awareness clinic designed to introduce basic principles of avalanche awareness and backcountry travel in suspect areas. The evening presentation is free; you'll learn about snow characteristics, route finding, and rescue techniques. The optional field trip cost is \$40, and provides the opportunity to practice beacon searches, probe lines and snow assessment. Preregister and pay for the field trip at the OP; no preregistration required for the evening presentation which is free.

Tuesday, Jan 28, 6pm - 8pm: Outdoor Program
Sunday, Feb 2, 8am-6pm: Eugene Parks River House

SKI AND SNOWBOARD TUNING CLINIC

Maximize your ski and snowboard performance by signing up for this helpful clinic; tune and wax your boards for the season ahead. Preregister and pay a \$5 materials fee at the OP. Limited to 8 participants.

Tuesday, Feb 4, 5:00-7:30 pm: OP Barn

SNOW CAMPING

This evening presentation will cover the basics of snow travel and camping. Come learn how to pack your bag, keep warm, build snow shelters, and prepare for your next (or first) backcountry snow trip. Free!

Tuesday, Feb 11, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program

TEN TOP OREGON BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURS

Many of you who know Bill Sullivan as the hiking guru whose trail guides are the most popular reference books at the OP, may be surprised to know that he is also an avid backcountry ski adventurer. Come see slides and video of his favorite winter destinations from the Steens Mountains to Crater Lake and Mt. Jefferson and more. Free!

Tuesday, Feb 18, 7:30 pm: 177 Lawrence Hall

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The Outdoor Program is proud to bring the International Wildlife Film Festival's post festival tour to the University of Oregon campus. The IWFF, is now in its 25th year, making it the longest running event of its kind in the world. Several top award-winning films from around the world will be shown starring your favorite wildlife including: frogs, monkeys, beavers, wolves, salmon and more. IWFF selections are educational, fun, informative and fascinating. Join us for the first annual OP sponsored Wildlife Film Festival! Free to UO students and OP Co-op members, \$2 general admission.

Wednesday, Feb 26, 7:30 pm: 177 Lawrence Hall

KAYAKING THE ALASKA RIVER

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Last summer, Kevin Schrier headed for Alaska with his river kayak in tow. After meeting up with his kayaking partner Robert Ruffner and flying in to a remote lake near Seward, (five days walk from the nearest help), Kevin soon found himself engulfed by a five foot wave hole in a Class V rapid named "Fear and Trembling". Three portages and 20 miles of high gradient river paddling later they entered the quiet waters of Prince William Sound. Kevin will come to the Outdoor Program to share his adventure through slides and stories. Join us for a look at some of Alaska's pristine glacial wilderness, challenging whitewater, beautiful saltwater and abundant wildlife. Learn how to hitchhike from your kayak, get chased by a US Forest Service kayak patrol, scout rapids while hanging from your ankles 100 feet above the river, and portage with style! Free!

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program