

Answers to your questions

OP trips, gear and resources

What is the trip philosophy?

Our trips are much more like traveling with a group of friends than going on a guided tour. Nothing is more rewarding than learning experientially among friendly peers and creating your own outdoor adventure. Rather than offering a series of trip packages, we encourage participants to create, launch and fulfill their own adventure dreams or just join someone else's dream! OP trip philosophy can be summed up in the following words:

Cooperative
Self-propelled
Noncompetitive
Low-cost
Experiential
Egalitarian
Environmentally Sound
Participant Initiated

What kinds of trips are offered?

As long as a trip is aligned with the OP philosophy anything and anywhere is possible. The OP has been all over the world: Tibet, Nepal, Cuba, Northwest Territories, and South America to name just a few. Trips in our own backyard are frequent; nearly every weekend we ski, hike, boat or climb. Come talk with us about the possibilities!

Mountaineering Rafting
Rock Climbing
Kayaking Backpacking
Surfing Mountain Biking
Canoeing Hiking

What are the trip guidelines?

All OP trips are open to any qualified participant to join and all trips are posted a reasonable time before the trip departs. Cost, decisions, and work is shared on OP trips- this means that expenses are low, decisions are consensus based, and everyone pitches in to make the trip a success!

Everyone is Welcome
Shared Work
Shared Cost
Shared Decisions

Can you help me plan my own trips?

Yes, yes, yes! That's why we're here! Whether you're initiating an OP trip or planning a private outing, the Outdoor Program serves as your backcountry information center with libraries, boards, maps, videos, equipment rental information and a knowledgeable staff that's ready to help you 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 us; you'll be amazed at the array of cool outdoor information we have including:

Helpful Staff
Friendly Staff
Guide Books
Experienced Staff
Videos
Trip Ideas
Maps
Magazines

What kind of gear do you have?

The Outdoor Program has all the gear you need to launch a great adventure or a simple day trip. Although we don't have the space to list all the items here you can check out our rental gear on-line at <http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>. Here's just a quick list of some of our more popular items:

Two-Way Radios
Cell Phones
Avalanche Transceivers
Tents
Snow Shovels Rafts
Campstoves
Snowshoes Wetsuits
Backpacks
GPS Units
VHF Radios Sleeping Bags
Kayaks

Who Can Use the Gear?

You can! OP equipment is available to all UO students and OP Co-op members (becoming a member of the co-op is easy and costs just \$15/year). The OP has 3 main equipment programs:

Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library
OP Gear Rentals
OP Co-op Equipment

OP Gear Rental program is available for private trips. The program has over 70 categories of rental equipment; check out our website for a list of gear and prices: <http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>. OP Co-op Equipment is available ONLY for participants on OP trips; each trip's initiator arranges for the rental of this equipment. The Allard and Casey Safety Library equipment is available for private trips; this program has cell phones, avalanche beacons, GPS units, Two-Way Radios and more safety items.

Where Can I Find the Gear?

OP Co-op Equipment and OP Gear Rentals are both located in our trip facility, "The Barn", located at 18th & University streets (346-4371) and the Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library is found in the OP office in the basement of the EMU (346-4365). Information on OP Gear Rentals can also be found at our website: <http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>. For details on any of the equipment or to reserve the gear, just give us a call.

Can I Get the OP Newsletter Mailed to My Dorm or Home?

Sure! We'd be happy to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Just e-mail Cindy at cherzog@darkwing.uoregon.edu, let her know if you're a student, non-student, business/organization and please include the following information:

Your Name
The Date
Dorm Box # or Street Address
City Zip Code

How Can I Contact You?

You can check out our website, call us, write us a letter, or just drop in!

Find Dan Geiger
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