

Fall 2003 Events

OP Clinics and events

OP Kayak Pool Sessions

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5

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

Outdoor Program Open House

Thursday, October 9

Welcome to the Outdoor Program! Come to a casual gathering with a thrilling slide show and introduction to the OP resources and philosophy. Come meet interesting people who share your love of the outdoors and start planning your next adventure. OP staff will be on hand to help answer your questions. Everyone welcome!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program

Rock Climbing 101

Saturday, October 11 or Sunday, October 12

The OP and the Outdoor Pursuits Program (OPP) are once again teaming up to bring you a fun day of rock climbing technique instruction. The OPP climbing instructor has tailored this clinic to beginner and intermediate climbers who want to focus on their footwork and effective hand placement in a fun, encouraging atmosphere. The clinic provides 4 hours of instruction and costs \$8 for students and OP Co-op members, \$10 general public. SRC rock shoes, harnesses, and belay devices can be rented for \$3. Registration is limited to 10 participants per clinic. Preregister at the OP Office.

Saturday or Sunday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Skinner's Butte Climbing Columns

Fall Equipment Swap

Thursday, October 16

Buy, sell, trade, and socialize! You'll find rain gear, ski/board equipment, hiking boots, kayaks, sleeping bags, tents, maybe even a backpacker's espresso maker, and much more! Anything goes at this humming outdoor equipment flea market. An amazing variety of gear will change hands at garage sale prices. Limited table space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Private sellers only please. Parking provided in the EMU visitor's parking lot. Don't miss this great event. Free!

Thursday 7:30 pm: EMU Ballroom

Cuba: So Close - So Far Away

Thursday, October 23

"Cuba would not have even made it onto my list of top twenty destinations, except for one reason ... my government told me I couldn't go." --Willie Weir. In 1998 Willie Weir pedaled off on a 2,000 mile bicycle journey throughout this forbidden island of sugarcane, cigars and socialism. Experience three months of adventure; from breaching national security at a nuclear reactor, to a wild, bizarre and unforgettable Christmas Eve ... all on a prototype bicycle that allowed him to begin solo and later continue tandem with his wife, Kat. This is the 4th show by Willie Weir that the OP has hosted and we can't wait. If you've seen Willie's shows on India, South Africa, and The Balkans, you know what an amazing presenter and photographer he is; if you haven't experienced a Willie show make sure you don't miss this one! Free to UO students and OP Co-op members, \$2 general admission.

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

Trip Initiator's Clinic

Tuesday and Thursday, October 28 and 30

Become an OP trip initiator: it's easy. The first night covers OP philosophy, liability, trip planning, and procedures. Thursday we'll go over use of the equipment facility (The Barn), gear, vehicles, safety procedures, and more. Attendance at both sessions is required to become a trip initiator. Free!

Tuesday, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program

Thursday, 7:30 pm: OP Barn

Mountain Bike Touring 101:

What to bring, how to pack, and where to go

Thursday, October 30

If you've never tried mountain bike touring you're really missing out! Whether you're planning a weekend adventure or a multiple month expedition, this is the intro clinic for you. The OP's own Suzanne Hanlon worked for 9 years as the Director of Tours for Adventure Cycling Association (formerly Bikecentennial). Using OP rental panniers and trailers, Suzanne will share packing, equipment, and travel tips and show slides of mountain bike adventures to inspire you. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: Outdoor Program

Arctic Dreams on the Firth River

Thursday, November 6

On the morning of the summer solstice, 11 Outdoor Program participants were dropped off by bush plane on the banks of the Firth River in Ivvavik National Park in extreme northern Yukon Territory, Canada. Over the next 10 days, while floating along 80 miles of the Firth River, the group saw no other human being. They did, however see a fantastic array of wildlife, including musk oxen, wolves, Dall's sheep, golden and bald eagles, gyrfalcons, tundra swans, black bear, and grizzlies. The group also witnessed the migration of the Porcupine Caribou herd, 135,000 strong, as they traveled from the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR) in Alaska across the Firth River into the vast lands beyond. The scenery above the arctic circle was amazing and the cultural history was rich as the same people have lived in the region for over 10,000 years; their ancient dwellings were visible throughout the valley. Come relive this amazing adventure through slides, video footage, and stories. Free!

Thursday, 7:30 pm: 177 Lawrence Hall

Avalanche Beacon Practice Sessions

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday November 11, 12, and 13

In a full burial avalanche incident, only immediate and effective search and rescue by companions offers real chance of survival. An avalanche beacon, used properly, can be a powerful tool for rescue. This clinic gives you the opportunity for hands-on use of transceivers that are available for use through the OP's Allard and Casey Memorial Safety Library. Pre-register at the OP office. Free!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00 pm: Outdoor Program

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://outdoor-program.uoregon.edu>

Fall Interpretive Series

Trees:

Saturday, November 1

Animal Tracks & Signs:

Tuesday and Saturday, November 4 and 8

Mushrooms:

Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15

The OP and UO Natural History Museum join forces again to bring you the fall interpretive series. Local specialists share their knowledge to heighten your outdoor experiences! Preregister and pay for all clinics at the OP office.

Trees:

Expert arborist "Whitie" Lueck will lead this tour of campus trees. The tour ends at the UO Natural History Museum just as the "Celebration of Trees" begins. Sign up in the OP office. Free!

Saturday, Nov 1,
10:00 am - 12:00 pm:
UO Natural History
Museum (15th & Agate)

Animal Tracks & Signs:

Local Mammal specialist Dave Walp will introduce us to animal tracks, scat, scratches & other signs. The evening session will prepare us for an exploratory hike to see what animals are hiding in our local forests. Pre-register, \$4 transportation fee.

Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 pm
Outdoor Program
Saturday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
OP Barn

Mushrooms:

The OP's own fungus fanatic, Ed Fredette, will lead this trip to local forests in search of Eugene's best mushrooms. Pre-register, \$4 transportation fee.

Friday, 7:30-9:00 pm,
Outdoor Program and
Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm,
OP Barn