

# OP Trips, Gear, and Resources



## Trips for Everyone

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 offer 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, Environmentally Sound, Egalitarian, Low-cost, Noncompetitive, Participant Initiated, Self-propelled and Experiential.**

If the OP trip philosophy sounds good to you and you're interested to know how to initiate a trip through the OP, come talk to us. We have the vans and equipment that you need to launch a great adventure or a simple day trip. Check out the event calendar for the next Trip Initiator Clinic and start planning an adventure now!

## Trips that go Everywhere

As long as a trip is aligned with the OP philosophy anything and anywhere is possible. The OP has been all over the world and nearly every weekend we ski, hike, boat or climb in our own backyard. Come talk with us about the possibilities. Here are just a few of the many places the OP has been:

**Cuba, Crater Lake, Moab, Glacier National Park, Mount Bachelor, Rogue River, Smith Rocks, Nepal, Selway River, the Arctic, and the Oregon Coast.**

## All Modes of Travel

Because our trips are posted by people just like you, the variety of travel types we get is enormous. As long as the trips are self-propelled and aligned with the OP philosophy, the possibilities are limitless. We have had everything from caving to surfing and everything in between. If you've got a great idea for a self-propelled adventure, come talk to us. The majority of our trips fall into the following modes of travel:

**Surfing, Kayaking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Canoeing, Hiking, Rafting, and Mountaineering.**

## Affordable Trips

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. The result is trips in which:

**Everyone is Welcome, Decisions are Shared, Work is Shared, Costs are Shared, and Knowledge is Shared.**

## Trip Planning Assistance

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:

**Guide books, Trip Ideas, Maps, Helpful Staff, Videos, Magazines, Experienced**

## Rental Equipment

The OP has all the gear you need to launch a grand 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 our website: <http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu>. Here is just a quick list of some of our more popular rental items:

**Rafts, Two-way Radios, Backpacks, Snowshoes, Tents, Sleeping Bags, Fleece Jackets, Wetsuits, Campstoves, Avalanche Beacons, Rain Jackets, Cell Phones, Kayaks, and much more!**

The OP has three rental programs: OP Gear Rentals, OP Co-op Equipment, and the Allard and Casey Safety Library. OP equipment is available to all UO students and OP Co-op members; ask about becoming a member of the co-op, it's easy and costs just \$12/year for UO staff and alumni or \$15/year for the general public. The **OP Gear Rental** program is available for private trips. The program has over 70 categories of rental equipment for your next adventure; call 346-4371 to reserve your gear. **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 other safety items; call the OP office at 346-4365 to reserve this free-rental equipment.

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

## **Did you know?**

OP Trip Initiators **SKI FREE** at Willamette & Hoodoo!

You can check out **FREE AVALANCHE BEACONS** from the OP!

You can **SKI/BOARD EVERY FRIDAY** with the OP!

You can rent **SNOWSHOES** from the OP!

## Newsletter Mail List

If you'd like to have the OP Newsletter mailed to your home or dorm, just e-mail Cindy at [cherzog@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:cherzog@darkwing.uoregon.edu), let her know if you're a student, non-student, business or organization and please include the following information:

**Your Name, Dorm Box # or Street Address, City, Zip Code**

## Event E-Mail List

The OP has a popular e-mail list if you'd like to receive weekly notice of events, clinics, and trips. It's easy to sign yourself up - just complete the submission form on our website.

<http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu/eventcal/maillinglist.html>

## Contact Us

You can check out our website, call us, write us a letter, or just drop in! Find Dan Geiger (director - 346-0636), Suzanne Hanlon (assistant director - 346-3730) and Cindy Herzog (office manager - 346-4365) at the Outdoor Program Room in the basement of the EMU. Find Ed Fredette (trip facility director - 346-4371) at the OP Barn on the corner of 18th & University.

**Trip Facility and Rental Program 346-4371**

**General Information 346-4365**

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