

Winter 2005 Events

McKenzie River Protection Project

Wednesday, January 12

Mountain bikers, kayakers, hikers, skiers, rafters, and fly fishing fanatics from around the world flock to the McKenzie River because of its renowned beauty and limitless recreation opportunities. The Mighty Mac's waterfalls, whitewater, fishing holes, ancient rain forest, eight foot wide trees, and volcanic peaks make this nature's wonderland. Even more, this watershed provides pure drinking water for nearly 300,000 Oregon residents downstream. Join the OP, CWP, ONRC and OSPIRG for a slide presentation on what the McKenzie River Watershed has to offer to outdoor enthusiasts and hear about current threats it faces, including old-growth logging on public land just above the river corridor. Free!

Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 100 Willamette Hall

Trip Initiator's Clinic

Tuesday and Saturday, January 18 and 22

Become an OP trip initiator: it's easy. 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 we'll take a trip to the local rivers or woods. This outing takes the mystery out of launching your first trip! Attendance at both sessions is required to become a trip initiator. Free!

Tuesday, 5:30 pm: Outdoor Program

Saturday, 9:00 am: OP Barn

Beginner & Intermediate Telemark Skiing

Saturday, January 22

The OP and the City of Eugene Riverhouse are working together again to offer you the chance to learn the art of freeheel skiing. The Level I class is designed for those new to telemark, but with some skiing experience (backcountry, basic tele or basic alpine) and Level II is perfect for those who have telemark basics down and need tips to improve technique and reduce your frustration. Pre-register and pay at the OP Office or the City of Eugene Riverhouse. Telemark gear required; telemark rentals are available at Berg's Ski Shop. Discount lift tickets available with preregistration. Lesson \$20. Lesson with lift ticket \$44. Van ride (departs 7:30 am from OP Barn) \$6.

Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Hoodoo Mountain Resort

Sherpa: The Proving Grounds

Thursday, January 27

The Outdoor Program and the UO Women's Center are proud to co-host this fascinating film that follows a 28-day women's high altitude climbing course set in the Himalayas of Sikkim India. Climbing legends Jim Whittaker and Nawang Gombu Sherpa help tell the amazing story of women from all walks of life, from Nepal, India and Bhutan. Some are there simply to test their capabilities while others strive to become the backbone of modern-day high-altitude expeditions. The film won Best Documentary at the Telluride Indiefest and has been accepted into numerous film festivals. Join us for this beautiful and inspiring 72-minute documentary. Filmmakers, Sarah and Win Whittaker, will introduce the film and answer questions after the show. Cost is \$2 for UO Students and OP Co-op members, \$4 general admission.

Thursday, 7:00 pm: 180 PLC Hall

Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing

Thursday and Saturday, January 27 and 29

Discover why cross-country skiing is such a timeless and satisfying way to glide into the snowy backcountry. OP staff will share what they know about traveling up and down hills and introduce kicking and gliding techniques. Follow-up trips will be planned at the completion of the clinic. Bring your own skis or rent from local shops. Pre-register and pay \$6 transportation fee at the OP Office.

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Saturday, 9:00 am: OP Barn

Indoor Rock Climbing Sessions

Saturdays, January 29, and February 5, 12, and 26

Want to discover, or improve, your climbing skills while meeting other capable climbers? The OP has reserved time on the UO Rock Wall for four skill builder sessions. Instruction is not provided but belayers are. This is a great opportunity to meet other climbers, practice, and have fun. Reserve your spot by prepaying at the OP Office. Rock Climbing cost is \$4 per session if you have your own gear (harness/shoes/belay device) or \$6 if you need gear. It's time to climb and all skill levels are welcome!

Saturdays, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: UO-SRC Rockwall

Seven Summits Snowboard Quest

Tuesday, February 1

The Seven Summits Snowboard Quest is the successful story of Stephen Koch's dream to climb and snowboard on the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. His slide presentation will take us to: Aconcagua, Denali, Mount Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, Mount Vinson, Carstenz Pyramid, and Mount Everest. Using stunning slides and engaging story telling, Stephen will share his insights about adventure and his message is clear: "with determination and perseverance one can achieve great things, especially a greater understanding of oneself". Stephen's hard work has earned him the full attention of the outdoor press, he has been featured in Outside, Blue, Couloir, and Men's Journal. Outside Magazine hosted Stephen's show and calls it "a thrilling story, Stephen... raises the bar for other athlete speakers... an unforgettable experience" \$3 UO students and OP Co-op members, \$6 general admission. Co-sponsored by Bergs Ski Shop.

Tuesday, 7:00 pm, 180 PLC Hall

Avalanche Awareness Clinic

Thursday and Sunday, February 3 & 6

The OP is joining forces again with the City of Eugene River House to offer an informative two-part clinic designed to introduce the basic principals 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 \$10 and provides the opportunity to practice beacon searches, probe lines, and snow assessment. This is a must for all backcountry skiers, boarders, and snowshoe hikers. Preregister and pay for the field trip at the OP; no preregistration required for the evening session which is free and open to all.

Thursday, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Outdoor Program

Sunday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm: OP Barn

Wandering Wheels:

A 3-D Photographic Exploration of Siberia and India

Wednesday, February 9

Last summer, Christine Bosa and Marlin Peterson embarked on an fascinating journey through Siberian Russia and Northwest India. These intrepid adventurers from Bellingham, Washington traveled on mountain bikes carrying everything they needed in their bikepacks. They photographed their adventure using rare, double-lens stereoscopic cameras. The unique cameras allowed them to create slides in multiple-dimensions; these slides magically create depth and LUNGE out of the screen in 3-D! Experience the challenging terrain, stunning landscapes, and fascinating people of remote India and Russia all while wearing funky 3-D glasses! Show up early as seating is limited. \$2 UO students and OP Co-op members, \$4 general admission.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm: 115 Lawrence Hall

Wind, Sand, and Stars:

A Trekker's Guide to the Starry Skies of the NW

Wednesday, February 16

If you learn the constellations of the night sky through mythology and photography it becomes much easier to remember them and their relationships to each other. Instead of random specks of light in the dark backdrop of space, the heavens become an interrelated tapestry of gods, heroes, monsters, and other mythological creatures. Local amateur astronomer and outdoor adventurer, John Flinn, will show us how to recognize the important constellations, introduce us to the mythological star stories, and show how constellation positions change with the seasons and time of day. John's photos are grounded in familiar mountain landscapes. Join us for this fun, interesting, informative show! Free.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Outdoor Program

Introduction to Snowshoeing

Friday and Saturday, February 18 & 19

Snowshoeing is great fun in all kinds of snow and it's easy to learn. Come get out on the snow and see for yourself what a great way to travel this is. Backcountry snow boarders, snow hikers, and anyone who is curious about this ancient method of winter travel are welcome. Rent the OP's shoes for \$3 or bring your own. Pre-register and pay the \$6 transportation fee at the OP Office.

Friday, 5:30 pm: OP Barn

Saturday, 9:00 am: OP Barn

Oregon Wild - Andy Kerr

Wednesday, March 2

Conservationist Andy Kerr returns to the UO to introduce his latest book, *Oregon Wild: Endangered Forest Wilderness*, which celebrates Oregon's last wild forests. From the moss-draped coastal rainforests, to the arid Hells Canyon, to the Klamath-Siskiyou region and everything in between, these wild places provide us with clean drinking water, outstanding recreational opportunities, and create vital habitat for fish and wildlife. Andy's slide presentation will show us these wild places through photos and storytelling; a book signing will follow. Join The OP and the Oregon Natural Resource Council for this wonderful show. Free.

Wednesday, 7:30 pm: 100 Willamette Hall

OP Kayak Pool Sessions

Wednesdays, March 2 and 9

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 two 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 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>