



Your Student **Mountain Club** Newsletter

Spring 2024 | Volume 1

From the President:

Welcome to the first edition of the Student Mountain Club Newsletter! We hope it will create a reliable medium for keeping in touch with you about club activities and events. In this newsletter you'll find announcements about club activities as well as other information we hope you'll find interesting and useful. Our officers have some exciting programs and trips planned for this year. I hope you'll enjoy all of them!

Chris Jones

Welcome to our new members from all around the world!

We are excited to announce that we have grown by nearly 20 members. Tell your friends about Student Mountain Club!

Remembering Our Fall Trip to Mount Washington



During the Thanksgiving break, several club members drove to the Presidential Range in New Hampshire to climb Mount Washington and surrounding peaks. The conditions were excellent—clear skies, above-freezing temperatures, and wind velocities under 50 mph. That was quite a pleasant surprise: Mount Washington holds the wind

velocity and record, and snow starts to fly in early fall. Club members camped in tents in a nearby national forest. They hiked to the summits of Madison, Adams, and Jefferson, following the Appalachian Trail for nearly forty miles. All members of the group spotted moose along the trail. The club will consider the Presidential Range for future trips.

Congratulations to Jerry, Brenda, & Fred!

In June, Jerry Smith, Brenda Talbot, and Fred Carlson climbed Mount Rainer in Washington State. Although they were caught in a snowstorm on their decent, they made it back safely. Jerry later said,

“We had a clear view at the top. It was worth every step—an incredible experience! I can’t wait to go back.”

Planning Our Summer Break Tour

Our annual summer tour (the week before classes begin) is still in the planning stages. **Scotland, Norway, Switzerland, Chile, and Hawaii** are just a few of the many destinations under consideration. **Give us your ideas and input.** We need to finalize our plans by the end of March so we can get you the airfare discounts you need.



Call Joe at 2-4593 with your ideas and preferences—soon!

Spring trip to the Big Horn Mountains

The Big Horn mountains in northern Wyoming are one of the best kept secrets in the West—uncrowded, challenging, and rugged. That's why we've chosen them as the destination for this year's spring trip.

Here's our itinerary:

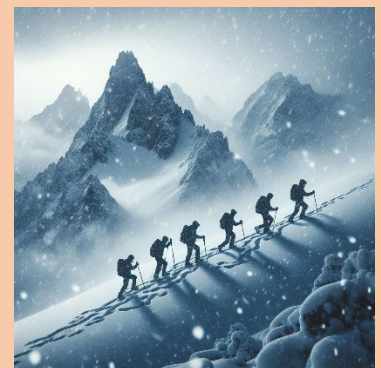
Monday, March 7: Leave from Union, stay overnight in Sheridan, Wyoming.
Tuesday, March 8: Hiking southwest in Big Horns. Camp four nights.
Saturday, March 12: Return from Buffalo.

The approximate cost for members will be \$175.

Sign up soon so we can line up transportation and supplies.

Dressing for the climb

At this February's monthly meeting, Fred Carlson will conduct a seminar on dressing for the climb. Fred, who worked for the National Park Service the past three summers, has lots of experience outfitting backpackers and climbers. Join us and let Fred help you plan your next mountain adventure.



Climbing a “fourteener” in Colorado can be an exhilarating experience—if you're prepared. Most novices, however, make the mistake of underestimating the brute force of nature above the timber line. That can be a big mistake—even a fatal mistake.

See our **Club Meeting Schedule** and **Announcements** on the **NEXT PAGE**

Club Meeting Schedule | Spring Semester

Every other Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Student Union Lounge.

Bring your friends!

Mountain Lectures

Thursday, February 12

"Which Mountain Will Be the Next St. Helens?" with Jim Spitzer

Find out about the geology of the Cascades and how it's likely to change within the coming decades.

Wednesday, March 17

"High Terrain Mammals." with Mary Ann Woodling

Learn about the amazing adaptive qualities of bears, marmots, and other mountain creatures.

Monday, April 21

"The Mountain People of Tibet." with Liu Chang

Discover this unique culture from an anthropology graduate student who has lived and worked in Tibet.

Trail Volunteers Needed!

Contact

Steve at **782-5555**

Carpooling is available.

Prepare the trails for the summer season for your fellow hikers. Volunteer to clear trails in our state parks and national forests.

Learn about a mountain ecosystem.

Spend spring break in the Rockies or the Appalachians, where the streams run clear, the trees open their canopies!



Annual Fundraiser

Booth Volunteers Needed!

Contact

Sue at **782-2222**.

We'll be selling T-shirts, mugs, and calendars for our annual fundraiser. These items make great gifts anytime of the year!

Congratulations and welcome to this year's new officers!

- President: Chris Jones
- Vice-President: Sally Smith
- Secretary: Al Foster
- Treasurer: Karl Neuberg



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