

DECEMBER  
2007

# PEENWICKE

Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

## Alaskan Brown Bears

Monday, December 10, 7 pm

Presented by: Paul Lutus

Each year Paul Lutus photographs wildlife while touring Alaskan coastal waters in his Nordic Tug. In 2007, Paul witnessed and photographed some rarely seen bear behaviors, including what can only be described as a bear orgy. His pictures reveal a side of Alaska most people have never seen before. Paul also recorded a survival suit race, a fascinating and serious competition in which Alaskan fishermen voluntarily jump into near-freezing water.

Join us for what is sure to be a fascinating continuation of his brown bear observations.



### PWC Weekends at Copper Creek Hut (MTTA):

The PWC was successful in obtaining two great nights at Copper Creek hut for next season, Saturday, February 23rd and Saturday, March 22nd.

This means we have a total of 14 slots for guests on each weekend.

Cost of this outing is \$25, of which \$15 dollars will be refunded if you show up (you forfeit the total \$25 if you are a no-show). As we usually do, we will draw names for these slots. The drawing will be at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting in January. If you can't make the meeting in January, but would still like to go, send an e-mail to Doug Savage, [thehiker@comcast.net](mailto:thehiker@comcast.net), to get on the list. He will keep track of who is going.

If anybody else wants to coordinate the drawing, please let Doug know.

# Monthly

## MAP: Monthly Activity Planning

Thursday, December 6, 7 pm

Contact: Joe and Kathy Weigel, (360) 479-5116

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at the Weigels' home in Bremerton.

## December Potluck

There is no potluck scheduled in December due to the holidays.

### Date

Various

### Outing / Meeting

Illahee Preserve Work Parties

### Contact

Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net,  
360-792-1714

12/1	Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski
12/1-2	Ski Mount Mastiff
12/1-2	Ice Climbing at Icicle Canyon
12/2	Ski Reflection Lake
12/6	MAP: Monthly Activity Planning
12/8	Snowshoe Hurricane Ridge
12/10	General Meeting
12/15	Ski Mt. Catherine Loop
12/17-28	Christmas in the Caribbean
12/22	Climb Mt. Ellinor for Maddie's Brownies
12/22-23	Ski Camp above Paradise
12/26—29	Jon's 5th Annual "Last Stevens Cabin Trip"

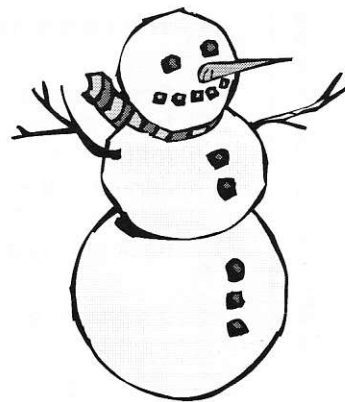
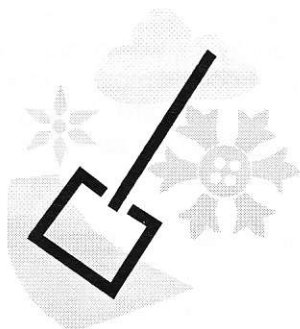
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Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
Brian Steely, 360-297-3825
Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

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## Outings

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### A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

### Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

### Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans should a trip be canceled for some reason. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

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### Illahee Preserve Work Parties

Various

Contact: Dale Boyle, dboyle@web-o.net, 360-792-1714

Dale is looking for volunteers to participate in monthly work parties at Illahee Preserve. Illahee Preserve is a 400-acre preserve in Bremerton, bordered by the streets Riddell, McWilliams, Fuson and Almira and by the Puget Sound. The goal of the work parties is to restore Illahee Creek as a salmon creek. If you are interested in doing some volunteer work close to home, contact Dale.

### Snowshoe and Cross-Country Ski

Saturday, December 1

Contact: Barney Bernhard, 360-479-3679

Come join the fun, snowshoeing and skiing in this year's early season snowfall amid the beauty of Washington's alpine country. This is a beginner through intermediate outing. The exact location of this event will be determined at a later date.

### Climb Mount Mastiff

Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, December 2

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

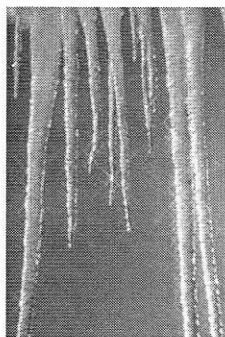
Join Kevin for a typical Koski climb in the Cascades. Bring your skis (including avalanche safety gear) for the ride down!

### Ice Climbing at Icicle Canyon

Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, December 2

Contact: Andrew Higgins, 360-471-9479

Join Andrew for a weekend of ice climbing. Dates are subject to change due to the weather and ice conditions.



### Ski Reflection Lake

Sunday, December 2

Contact: Ann Richey, 360-792-0483

Ski from Paradise to Reflection Lake at Mount Rainier. This ski is suitable for beginner and intermediate skiers.

### Snowshoe Hurricane Ridge

Saturday, December 8

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Snowshoe with Jill at Hurricane Ridge. Flexibility is the key word here! Trip and route dependent on snow, weather, and the road being open. If the road is open and the snow is good, we may head toward Klahane Ridge, via Sunrise Ridge, or possibly we'll head out toward Pyramid Peak.

### Ski Mt. Catherine Loop

Saturday, December 15

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

The Mt. Catherine Loop is about an eight-mile ski loop, of intermediate caliber, with 1100 feet of elevation lost/gained, best completed with waxless-based, metal-edged skis. The loop starts at Snoqualmie Summit's, Summit East, Nordic Center, and costs \$14 for the two-ride lift ticket, needed to access the ridge top where the loop becomes, *almost*, all downhill from there.

### Christmas in the Caribbean

Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 28

Contact: Tom Banks, RangerTWB@aol.com, 907-336-2521 or 508-579-2521

Join Tom and his group in the warm, sunny Caribbean for the holidays. See November Penwicle for complete trip details and itinerary.

### Climb Mount Ellinor for Maddie's Brownies

Saturday, December 22

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Join Doug for his annual Mount Ellinor climb. Brush up on your ice axe skills, and enjoy some of Maddie Higgins' brownies at the summit.

### Ski Camp above Paradise

Saturday, December 22 - Sunday, December 23

Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

Join Brian for skiing and winter camping at Mount Rainier.

### Jon's 5th Annual "Last Stevens Cabin Trip"

Wednesday, December 26 - Saturday, December 29

Contact: Jon DeArman, 360-697-1352

Spend your holiday skiing at Stevens Pass. Stay with Jon at the Mountaineers' cabin, where you can literally ski to the lift line.

## Outings

### Green Mountain Hike and Breakfast Feed

Tuesday, January 1

Contact: Ellen Schroeder, 360-479-7855

Join the Monday Hikers for their annual New Year's Day hike and breakfast feed. Hike Green Mountain, then dig in on all-you-can-eat pancakes for breakfast.

### Hike Fort Worden

Tuesday, January 1

Contact: Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774

Join Doug and Venita for a New Year's Day hike at Fort Worden.

### Ski Snoqualmie Mountain

Sunday, January 6

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

This will be a loop trip, skiing up the face and then back down toward Alpental. Expert skiers only.

### Cross-Country Skiing in Winthrop

Friday, January 18 - Monday, January 21 (DATE CHANGE)

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Enjoy a PWC tradition: join Emily for the annual MLK weekend trip to Winthrop. Enjoy the best groomed trails in the state.

### Ski Crooked Couloir (Snoqualmie Mountain)

Saturday, January 26

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

For expert skiers only. Ski Crooked Couloir, on the steep north-side face of Snoqualmie Mountain.

### Winterfest '08

Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18

Contact: Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648

See page 5 for details.

### Big Mountain Ski Trip

Tuesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 9

Contact: Pat Gleason, 360-377-0987,  
dpgleason@comcast.net

We can most likely accommodate more people on this trip; if you're interested, see page 5 for details.



### Snow Caving

Location and Dates to be determined.

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

What more can we say.....it'll happen, but where and when, only Kevin knows.

## Entertainment

These are events that are open to the public and may be of interest to PWCers. If you are interested in getting a group of PWCers together for any of these events, please contact Karla at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-598-3601. Let me know if you are interested in carpooling, or you plan to go out for dinner or drinks before or after, or any other relevant information, and I will include that in the Penwicle.

### Into the Wild

Playing now in select theaters

Based on the book by Jon Krakauer, the movie *Into the Wild* is about 22-year-old Chris McCandless' adventures as he leaves home to wander around the western United States. When Chris departs on a solo journey into the wilds of Alaska with only a bag of rice and a .22 caliber rifle, he hopes to find harmony with nature. This is a moving account of one young man's journey of self-discovery.

### Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam

Now through Monday, December 31

*Yellowstone to Yukon: Freedom to Roam* features photographs by German-born Florian Schulz of the Rocky Mountain West and documents the ambitious effort to preserve wildlife corridors from Yellowstone National Park to Canada's Yukon Territory.

An award winning nature photographer, Schulz has dedicated 10 years of his life to documenting the drama and beauty of North America's largest wildlife corridor: the Rocky Mountains. His 40 large format color photographs have captured the drama and beauty of this Western ecosystem and its diverse landscapes, wildlife, and people. Schulz has received honors from the BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition and Nature's Best International Photography Awards.

Go to [www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/](http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/) for museum hours and directions.



Pronghorn antelope, photographed by Florian Schulz



### Winterfest 2008 — February 15,16,17,18

This year's WINTERFEST will be held at the Stevens Pass Mountaineers Cabin, located at the 4061-foot summit of Stevens Pass. The cabin is 4 stories high, sleeps 55 people and has men's, women's, family and couples dorms plus kitchen, dining and living areas.

- ~ Ski from the Cabin door to the lifts and from the lifts to the door
- ~ XC ski / Skate ski / Snowshoe 20 miles of groomed trails in Mill Valley
- ~ Ski / Snowshoe climb to Skyline Peak, directly across the road from lodge and Lantam Lakes above Mill Valley.
- ~ Backcountry ski / Snowshoe miles of Forest Service Trails in the area. Sno-park pass required at some trailheads
- ~ Snowshoe PCT located on ridge above Cabin
- ~ Shop in Leavenworth located 20 miles east
- ~ Drink HOT TODDIES with Tom and Cathy each evening in the Stevens Bar

COST: \$65 for Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights, includes all breakfasts and dinners. **Bring your own snacks for lunch.** Full service kitchen available for use (includes microwave).

*No alcohol inside cabin, but the Stevens Resort bar is a romantic 5-minute walk through the snow and is open until 11 pm*

**Make Reservations for Winterfest by calling Greg Myrick @ 649-1648.** Or, for details about the cabin, call Jon DeArman @ 697-1352.

### Big Mountain Ski Trip

Tuesday, March 4 - Sunday, March 9

Contact: Pat Gleason, 360-377-0987 or [dpgleason@comcast.net](mailto:dpgleason@comcast.net)

Join this revival of one of the PWC's most fun and popular traditions. The trip to Big Mountain (now known as Whitefish Mountain Resort) in Montana is back! Enjoy the party while traveling on Amtrak in a sleeper car, four days of skiing in Rocky Mountain powder (alpine, cross-country, or both), and three nights at the slope-side European-style Kandahar Lodge. Opportunities exist for side trips to Glacier National Park and the Flathead Lake cross-country trail system.

We'll depart from the Edmonds Amtrak station on the *Empire Builder* Tuesday, March 4, at 5:17 pm. Dinner and breakfast the next morning on the train are included for those with sleeper car accommodations. We'll arrive in Whitefish, MT, around 7:26 am Wednesday, where a shuttle will take us directly to our slope-side accommodations at the Kandahar Lodge. (The Kandahar will have a Welcoming Reception for us at 5 pm.)

The package price includes lift tickets for three of the four days we'll be on the mountain. Fourth-day or half-day lift tickets are available at a discount, or participants can use the extra day to visit Glacier National Park, go cross-country skiing on the resort's groomed trails or the myriad of local trails around Whitefish and Flathead Lakes, or just take a day off to soak in the spas.

The group will leave from Whitefish on Amtrak at 9:16 pm Saturday, arriving back in Edmonds at around 9:08 am Sunday, March 9.

The basic package includes round-trip COACH accommodations on Amtrak; transfers and shuttle service to and from the Amtrak station in Whitefish and Kandahar Lodge; three nights' stay at the Kandahar Lodge (four to a room); and lift tickets for three of the four days on-mountain. The cost for this should be about \$480 per person.

Options include:

Shared Sleeper cabin on the train (upper/lower berths): add \$124/ person

Family Sleeper on the train (one double, two children's bunks): add \$201/person

Deluxe Sleeper on the train: add \$232/person

Three to a room at the Kandahar: add \$27/person

Two to a room at the Kandahar: add \$80/person

Discounts available:

No lift tickets (for cross-country skiers): deduct \$144/person

Senior (over 65): deduct \$24/person

Youth skiers (ages 16-18): deduct \$36/person

Junior skiers (ages 15 & under): deduct \$108/person

Twenty or more participants: deduct about \$50/person

*Note: Our traditional home on the mountain, the Alpenglowl Inn, has been closed for the season due to safety concerns. The Kandahar Lodge, although a more upscale facility, has agreed to provide our group's accommodations for the same price as the Alpenglowl Inn. Although the Kandahar is located slope-side, it is not quite as convenient to ski-in/ski-out as the Alpenglowl Inn.*

## Mountaineers' Courses

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### Alpine Scrambling Course

The Kitsap Branch of the Mountaineers is tentatively launching a new Alpine Scrambling course beginning March 2008. No previous climbing experience is required, although good physical conditioning is a "must". (A good self-assessment would be to carry a 20-pound pack up a trail or slope, 2000 feet in two hours or less. Mount Walker, near Quilcene, is a recommended assessment route.) Alpine scrambling involves ascending rock, scree, talus, ice and snow to summits and ridges. Some trips are short, one-day ascents, while others involve multiple day backpacks and/or steep, exposed climbing. Prospective participants should be aware that "mountaineering" quality boots are required. Backpacking boots are normally not sufficient. Ice axes and mountaineering helmets are also required.

The main goal of this course is to build skill and experience on non-technical terrain. Goals and objectives for individuals will be based on discussions with the course leadership. Graduation requirements involve completing three scrambles (one snow, one rock, and one choice) and five classroom sessions, and attending five field trips for skill and experience development. One year is allowed to complete this work. A current Mountaineering-Oriented First Aid card must be obtained to graduate course. Graduation may not be achievable for all, and intermediate goals are encouraged. Fees for the course entitle the participant to one year of involvement with the program. The fee is \$150.

There will be a minimum student enrollment of six students to enable the course to take place. A commitment to the course is required by February 1, 2008. Membership in the Mountaineers must be up-to-date and fees must be paid to enroll. Sign up on line or with the Mountaineers' clubhouse.

For more information, call or email Mike Raymond at 360-437-9379, or [mike-elaine@msn.com](mailto:mike-elaine@msn.com).



*Photo of juvenile brown bears, courtesy of Paul Lutus.*

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## Ads

**Photo-Calendars for 2008** for sale for \$10 each from the Washington Native Plant Society. Each month features a different native plant. They can be viewed at the WNPS website: [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org) You can contact Wendy McClure at 779-3820 or email her at [wendymac3@embarqmail.com](mailto:wendymac3@embarqmail.com)

**4-Season Expedition Tent for sale.** Lightweight, two-person, Mountain Hardwear *Annapurna* tent. New, never used. Retail, it sells for \$450-495; I'll sell it for \$200. It's a great tent, easy to set up and lightweight for a four-season tent. Call Karla Piecuch at 360-598-3601 or email me at: [corvidcreek@hotmail.com](mailto:corvidcreek@hotmail.com)

## Club News

### Welcome to New Members

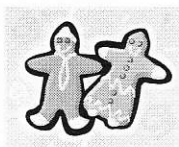
PWC welcomes new members Fred Ellis and Sandy Redsteer of Bainbridge Island.

### Door Prize Winner

At the November meeting, John Knott won a headlamp.

### Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the November meeting! Contact Doug Savage @ 360-698-9774 if you would like to bring snacks to the next meeting.



### We Need You!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner are in need of volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Barbara Hager, at 360-692-5121.

### Sponsor an Outing

We are always looking for people to sponsor outings for the PWC. If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting the Thursday before the General Meeting to discuss your plan for a trip. You can submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Karla Piecuch at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-598-3601. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website by filling out the form at <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

### Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Karla Piecuch is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Trip reports can be all text, all photos, or any combination of the two. There are no length requirements. Please send trip reports and photos to Karla at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com)

### Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman, our Scrapbook Editor, is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip (date and location), and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, [dearmans@comcast.net](mailto:dearmans@comcast.net)

### Update Your Email Address

Does the PWC have your current email address? If not, contact Barbara Hager, Membership Coordinator, to update your email address and other contact information. Barbara can be reached at 360-692-5121 or [greenthumb@telebyte.com](mailto:greenthumb@telebyte.com)

### PWC Online...[www.pwckitsap.org](http://www.pwckitsap.org)

Please contact Venita Goodrich at 360-698-9774 for inquiries regarding the PWC website. Submissions to the editor of the PENWICLE will be sent to the website, unless requested otherwise.

## Club Business

### Joining the PWC or Membership Renewal

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on back of newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership, but check with vendor for details:

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Poulsbo
- Vertical World Climbing Gym, Bremerton
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

### Address Changes and Member Address-Phone List

Address changes should be sent to Barbara Hager at Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,

or email [greenthumb@telebyte.com](mailto:greenthumb@telebyte.com), or call 360-692-5121.

Members should also contact Barbara if they wish to receive a new membership directory.

### PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Friday after the General Meeting to insure a place in the next issue. Contact Karla Piecuch at [penwicle@hotmail.com](mailto:penwicle@hotmail.com) or 360-598-3601.

## Officers & Staff

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, and skiing. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:

Peninsula Wilderness Club  
P.O. Box 323  
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐      Renewing Member(s) ☐      Change of Address ☐

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