

MARCH
2010

PENNSCLC

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.

Solar System Exploration

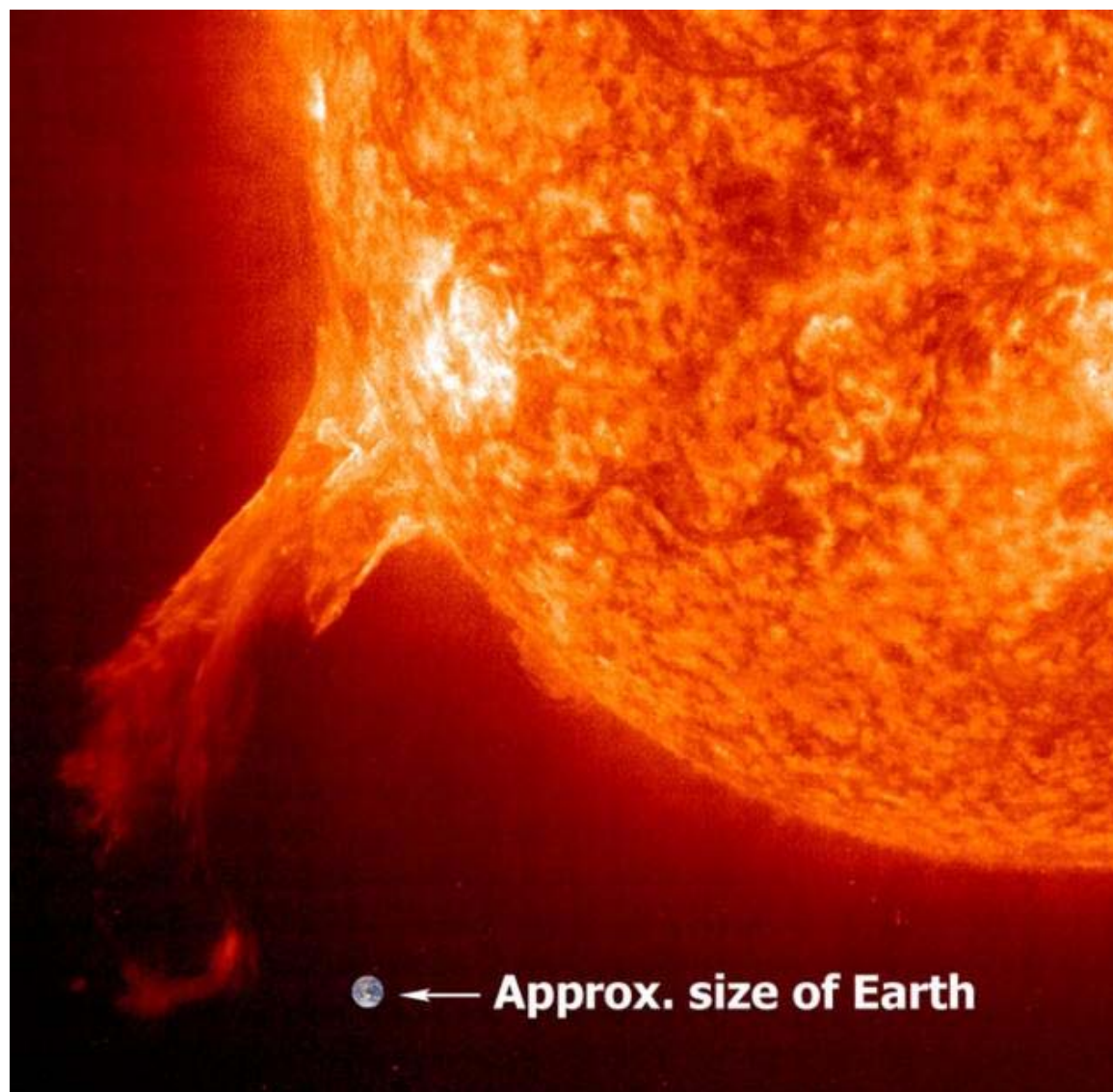
Monday, March 8, 7 pm

Presented by: Ward Yohe

Since 2005, Ward Yohe has been a certified volunteer NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Solar System Ambassador (SSA). This is a public outreach program designed to increase awareness of our Solar System and the many robotic and manned missions we are using to conduct exploration. Ward's presentation will show us how some of our space exploration tax dollars are being spent and what we are learning from those endeavors, and share some fantastic imagery from NASA's Solar System exploration.

Here's an example of what Ward will be sharing with the PWC:

The distance between the Earth and Sun is greatly reduced in this image (we are actually about 93 million miles away from the Sun), but the sizes are to scale. Fortunately the Earth has a very handy magnetic field and atmosphere that deflect most of this solar energy... the Northern and Southern Lights (auroras) are a small glimpse into this massive force as it envelopes the Earth on its way through the Solar System. By the way, the Sun is just a medium size star, one of billions in our Milky Way Galaxy. And the Milky Way Galaxy is just one of billions of galaxies in the known Universe. There are most likely as many stars in the Universe as there are grains of sand on all the world's beaches and deserts.



This is a close-up of an erupting prominence taken by the SOHO spacecraft. Earth is inset to show scale. The photograph was made on July 1, 2002. It shows ionized helium at about 108,000 degrees Fahrenheit (60,000 degrees C).

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/soho_top10_winners_031125-2.html

Monthly

MAP: Monthly Activity

Thursday, March 4, 7 pm

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

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Doug & Venita's home in Bremerton. All members are invited to attend.

March Potluck

Friday, March 26, 6:30 pm

Contact: Tom Rogers & Cathy Palzkill, 360-692-2547

Visit with fellow PWCers at Tom & Cathy's home in Browns-ville. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. As hosts, Tom & Cathy will provide the dessert.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outing / Meeting</u>	<u>Contact</u>
3/4	MAP Meeting	Doug Savage & Venita Goodrich, 360-698-9774
3/6	Hike the Greenway Trail	Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820
3/6-7	Ski Mountaineering at Ruby Mountain	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
3/7	Bike-n-Hike the Dosewallips	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
3/7	Snowshoe at Hurricane Ridge	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
3/8	General Meeting <i>Featuring the art of Jim Morrison—see page 3</i>	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
3/10	Hike Mount Walker	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
3/13	Skagit River Delta Kayaking and Bird Watching	Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com
3/13-14	Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut	Doug Savage, 360-698-9774
3/14	Hike Sherman Creek	Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402
3/17	Hike Lena Lake	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
3/20	Hike the Sea to Sea Trail	Emily Grice, 206-842-7883
3/20-21	Climb Vesper Peak	Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429
3/23	Hike Mount Zion	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
3/26	March Potluck	Tom Rogers & Cathy Palzkill, 360-692-2547
3/26-28	Olympic Hot Springs Backpack	Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net
3/27	Skills Practice: Rope, Harness, Belay	David Cossa, 360-871-5577, cmountaindave@aol.com
3/27-4/3	Spring Grand Canyon Trip	Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

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For Sale: Women's Scarpa T3 Ski Boots

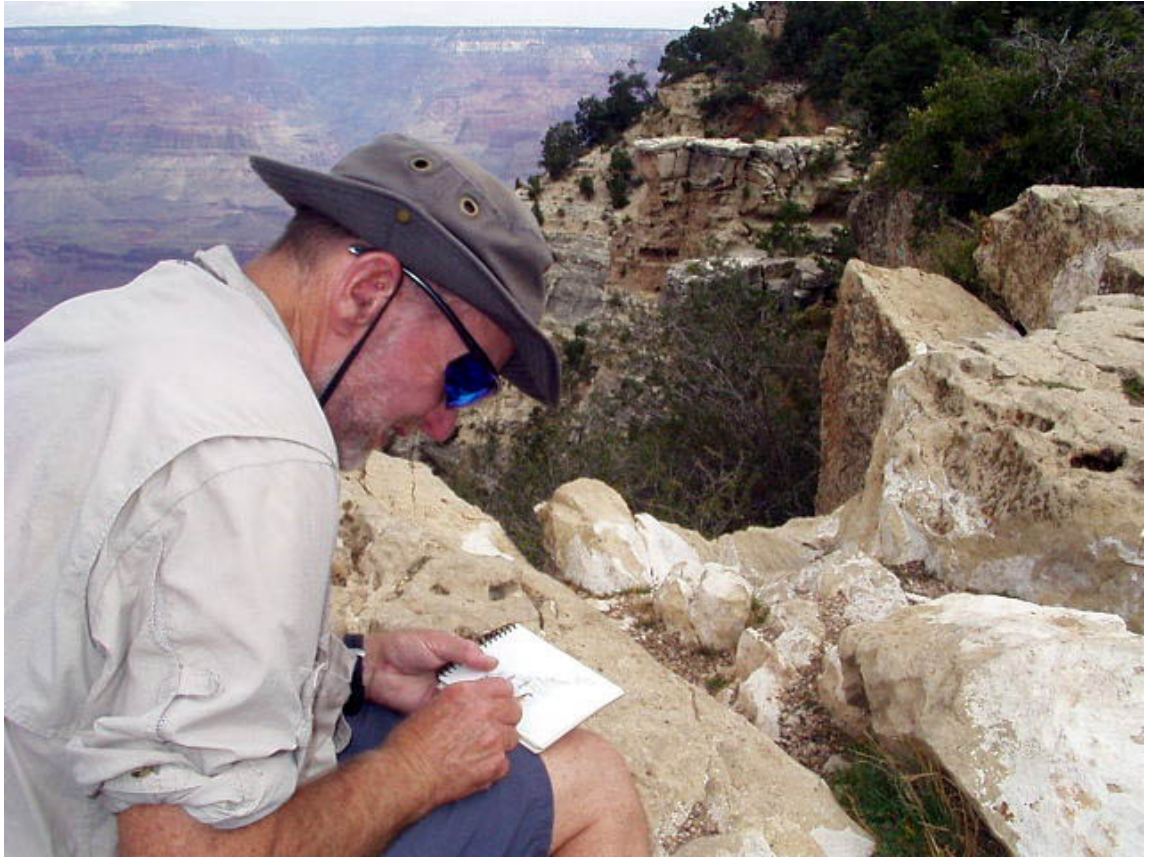
Scarpa T3 women's telemark ski boots. Mondo size 24. Should fit a women's size 7-7.5 foot. Used maybe 10 times, excellent condition. \$250. Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402, hikerjill1@hotmail.com

Announcements

March PWC Artisan: Jim Morrison

Jim Morrison has been hiking and climbing for over 40 years, in the Cascades, Alaska, and California. He maintains fitness by bicycling when not hiking. He worked as a building inspector, assessing fire risk for insurance companies, and for five years worked in Alaska doing fire risk assessments as the Alaskan pipeline was being constructed. He has been a volunteer EMT and firefighter for 14 years.

He has always enjoyed drawing, and so took up watercolor painting after retiring in 1995. He learned by painting with other artists in his neighborhood, by reading books and by experimenting. His mantra is "anyone can draw and paint with a little instruction and lots of practice."



He recently began to paint during hikes in the wilderness, striving to capture the feeling of being outdoors by painting there. Jim did the illustrations for the "Alpine Rock" section of the 4th edition of the Olympic Mountains Climber's Guide, and has had art published in other books and magazines. He is an art docent at Wolfe Elementary School in Kingston.

Jim has graciously donated one of his watercolors as the prize for the March PWC meeting.

Pictures courtesy of Jim Morrison



Wanted: PCT Section Hiking Partner(s)

Jay Thompson is looking for a partner(s) to hike a section or two of the PCT in Washington in 2010. He would like to start at Cascade Locks and work north, but he's willing to tag along and do different sections if someone already has plans and needs a partner. He's a strong hiker and looks forward to doing 15- to 20-mile days.

Contact Jay at jaythom1@hotmail.com or 360-307-0037 if you're interested.

Outings

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.

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.

Pet Policy

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

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Remember that trips can be listed on the website under Last Minute Trips. If you don't see something that interests you in the newsletter, check the website for additional trips. Or, if you are doing an outing that was planned after the deadline, use the website to post the information. This can now be done in THREE ways: you can fill out the form online, or you can call or email the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, 360-307-0037 or pwadmin@pwckitsap.org. Alternatively, you can call or email Paul Dutky at 360-479-2683 or pdutky@gmail.com to get the outing listed on the PWC calendar online.

Hike the Greenway Trail

Saturday, March 6

Contact: Charlie Pomfret, 360-479-7820

The Greenway Trail near Hansville passes through forests and wetlands where there are viewing platforms set up for viewing wildlife. We will start at Point No Point and hike about 5 miles round trip.

Ski Mountaineering at Ruby Mountain

Saturday, March 6 - Sunday, March 7

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

This will be a typical Koski trip—not for the faint of heart!

Bike-n-Hike the Dosewallips

Sunday, March 7

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

The road to the Dosewallips trailhead is washed out about 5 miles from the trailhead. We'll park near the washout and ride bikes down the road to the trailhead, then hike the Dosewallips Trail.

Snowshoe at Hurricane Ridge

Sunday, March 7

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Plan to depart the Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 7:30 am to meet at the alpine lodge around 9:30 am. Trip is dependent on the Hurricane Ridge Road being restored. This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Hike Mount Walker

Wednesday, March 10

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 9 am. This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Skagit River Delta Kayaking and Bird Watching

Saturday, March 13

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com

Join me in La Conner, WA, to see snow geese and swans. We'll launch in the sheltered waters of Swinomish Channel where, with luck, we'll catch the south current out, and a north current back. The last time I was there, I saw a line of tundra swans so dense they looked like sailboats in the distance. The snow geese were about a quarter mile landward, but formed a dense, ever-moving cloud of birds over the field where they were congregating. Many other seabirds also abound during the spring migration. Bring binoculars. Directions to the meeting and launch sites are on the online calendar.

Ski/Snowshoe to High Hut

Saturday, March 13 - Sunday, March 14

Contact: Doug Savage, 360-698-9774

Cross-country ski or snowshoe to High Hut in the MTTA trail system. Ski or snowshoe in on Saturday, then spend the night in a heated cabin before heading home Sunday. Overnight slots are limited. If you don't get an overnight space in the hut, don't fret—you are welcome to winter camp outside, or just come up for the day.

Hike Sherman Creek

Sunday, March 14

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

Hike a tranquil, wooded 9-mile loop along Sherman Creek in Capitol State Forest near Olympia.

Hike Lena Lake

Wednesday, March 17

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 9 am. This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Outings

Hike the Sea to Sea Trail

Saturday, March 20

Contact: Emily Grice, 206-842-7883

Hike from "Lynwood Center" on Bainbridge Island, along the beach, up to Gazzam Lake, down to Crystal Springs Beach, and back. Elevation gain is 600 feet, twice – the distance is not quite known, but may be a total of 4 miles. Bring a lunch, and we will indulge at a local restaurant on our return. Rain, snow or shine!

Climb Vesper Peak

Saturday, March 20 - Sunday, March 21

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

Hike Mount Zion

Tuesday, March 23

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Depart Poulsbo Church of the Nazarene at 9 am. This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Olympic Hot Springs Backpack

Friday, March 26 - Sunday, March 28

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

We'll hike/snowshoe from the campground to Boulder Lake on Saturday. This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Skills Practice: Rope, Harness, Belay

Saturday, March 27

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577,

cmountaindave@aol.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. Dave will coordinate our training. This will be a review of how to tie into a rope and harness, how to belay others and rappel. There are probably extra harnesses available among the participants. If you need one, let us know ahead of time.

Spring Grand Canyon Trip

Saturday, March 27 - Sunday, April 4

Contact: Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

A permit has been issued for the following itinerary: 03/29 and 03/30 at Bright Angel Campground, and 03/31 and 04/01 at Indian Garden Campground. We will backpack down the South Kaibab Trail, set up camp, and then explore the Phantom Ranch area on the first day. The second day we will be day hiking either to Phantom Overlook, Sumner Wash and Haunted Canyon, or day hiking up the North Kaibab Trail to Ribbon Falls. Day 3 we will backpack up the Bright Angel Trail to Indian Garden, set up camp, and explore the Indian Garden area. Day 4 will be a day hike to Plateau Point, then along the Tonto Trail to Horn Creek, and return to camp. Day 5 we will backpack up to the South Rim on the Bright Angel Trail. Once back on the South Rim, we can visit various viewpoints. The permit issued is only for 6 people, and it is FULL.

OC Climbing Class

Starting April 1

Contact: Brad Albro, 360-830-5342

Brad Albro will be teaching a climbing/mountaineering class at Olympic College. If you have any questions, give Brad a call.

Fort Flagler Car Camping

Thursday, April 1 - Saturday, April 3

Contact: Doug Terry, doug@dougterry.net

Bring your road or mountain bike, kayak, hiking boots and campfire firewood. We'll have dinner at the Ajax Café for the bold. Sites are still first-come, first-served. Arrive Friday or depart Sunday as you need! This trip is also listed on <http://www.meetup.com/Kitsap-Outdoors/>

Ski Garibaldi Nave Traverse

Thursday, April 1 - Sunday, April 4

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

Skills Practice: Snow Travel, Glissade

Sunday, April 4

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577,

cmountaindave@aol.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This will be a review of how to travel safely on snow and use an ice axe to self arrest. Crampons advised. There may be equipment available for loan. If you need an axe or other gear, let us know ahead of time. A review of "Freedom of the Hills" is worthwhile. This session will be at Mount Angeles.

Below: Tom Rogers at Anderson Lake, near 5050 Pass. Photo courtesy of Tom Rogers.



Outings

Climb Mount Washington

Wednesday, April 7

Contact: Paul Dutky, 360-479-2683, pdutky@gmail.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This is an early spring ascent of Mount Washington on snow. Crampons and ice axe are needed.

Climb Mount Ellinor

Sunday, April 11

Contact: Jill Hawes, 360-275-5402

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. Drive as far up the mountain as possible, and climb on snow to the top. Skis, crampons, microspikes, snowshoes or ice axe may be used/needed this time of year.

Skills Practice: Orienteering

Saturday, April 17

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577, cmountaindave@aol.com

This is part of our 2010 PWC mountaineering schedule. Anyone is welcome to come. This will be a review of how to use GPS (when it is working), map and compass to keep track of where you are and know how to get to where you want to go. There may be equipment available for loan. If you need a GPS or compass, let us know ahead of time. This session will be held at Banner Forest in Port Orchard.

Southern Utah Canyonlands Trip

Late April

Contact: Tony Abruzzo, 360-871-5754, anthony_abruzzo@q.com, or Bob Brown, skipatrol10@hotmail.com

Join us for part or all of a three-week trip to southern Utah! Our major focus will be Canyonlands National Park and the Needles District in particular. We plan on spending one week (April 26 - May 3) at the group campground (Squaw Flats-Needles District), 3 days will be spent exploring the White Rim Trail (we have permits for April 14-16 and April 26-28) and several of us plan on one additional week camping at Squaw Flats. There are 60 miles of trails available out of Squaw Flats, with a choice of day hikes or several-day backpacking trips. We will also visit Arches, Bryce, Zion, and Capitol Reef National Parks.

Backpack the Lakeshore Trail

Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2

Contact: Maria McGuire, 360-876-1639

Take the ferry up Lake Chelan and backpack the Lakeshore Trail from Prince Creek to Stehekin, about 17 miles. Plan on driving to Chelan Friday night and spending the night in the infamous gravel pit to allow an early start on Saturday.

Backpack the Grand Canyon

Saturday, May 15 - Monday, May 24

Contact: David Cossa, 360-871-5577, cmountaindave@aol.com

For my 16th time down in the Big Ditch, I think I'll do a 55-mile loop hike I've always wanted to do on the North Rim. Starting at remote Sowat Point, reached via some 50 miles of very scenic, high desert, Arizona forest road from Fredonia, Utah, I will descend some 11 miles, over the course of two days, via Sowats Canyon and Jumpup Canyon to Kanab Creek. The largest side canyon of the north side of the Grand Canyon, John Wesley Powell followed it out some 50 miles on his second expedition, going all the way to Fredonia. Kanab Canyon cuts a torturous course down to the Colorado, eventually becoming a narrow slot canyon similar to Paria Canyon: lots of unavoidable sloshing through water amidst 1500-foot cliffs 20 feet apart. This will take another two days, with side trips. Then there'll be a tough day crawling over a trail-less boulder field for 5 miles right along the Colorado to Deer Creek Trail and Falls, one of the premiere destinations for river rafters—along with their freebie beer, with any luck. From there, it's up a good trail to camp on the Esplanade, and a side trip to Thunder Falls. I'll hike out on the seventh day, or possibly the eighth, as a spare day will be planned into the schedule. Water nearly all the way, an easy two days in, an easy two days out—what more could a desert rat hope for! Good knees are a necessity on this hike.

I plan to fly to Las Vegas (\$175), rent a car (\$175), and drive 4 hours, ending up in remote Indian Hollow Campground on the North Rim for sunset, after dinner in a Kanab restaurant. The incongruity between dawn and dusk on this day will be extreme to say the least! I will stay in a motel (\$60) in Kanab after hiking out and then fly home the next day.

Climb Silver Star

Saturday, May 29 - Monday, May 31

Contact: Kevin Koski, 360-373-7429

Contact Kevin for details.

Fall Grand Canyon/Bryce Canyon Trip

Mid-September to early October, 2010

Contact: Dave Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com

We will start off at the North Rim for a rim-to-rim trip (for those interested). This is a 24-mile, one-day trek: 14.4 miles from the North Rim down to the river, and then 9.3 miles up to the South Rim, with a NET elevation loss of 6400 feet and then a NET elevation gain of 4500 feet. We will need 2 people NOT doing the rim-to-rim portion to drive vehicles from the North Rim to the South Rim. They can then spend the day exploring the South Rim. Following the rim-to-rim, (after a potential rest/tourista day), we will do a 4- or 5-day backpack trip in the Grand Canyon. We will then move on to Bryce, where we will do a 3- or 4-day backpack trip, or people can opt for camping at Bryce and doing 3 awesome day hike loops. The trip will be 14-16 days, including travel days. To get it down to 14, I may be forced to skip the rest day after the rim-to-rim, and/or possibly shorten each of the backpack trips by a day. Group size will be limited due to the Grand Canyon permitting system.

Club News

PWC Welcomes New Members...

Lori & Mark Goff of Gig Harbor, Angela Camasi of Poulsbo, Lori Burt of Bremerton, and Vera Wenger of Bremerton.

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the PWC Host, identified by a Host nametag, 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The Host can answer questions and point out PWC trip sponsors that share your interests. Kathy Weigel will be the March Host.

PWC Online...www.pwckitsap.org

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

Jon's Minute

At the February meeting, Jon talked about sleds for transporting gear and/or kids on ski outings.

Door Prize

At the February meeting, Cathy Palzkill won the door prize, a Pocket Rocket stove.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the February 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, Emily Grice, at 206-842-7883.

Sponsor an Outing

If you are planning a trip, let us know about it! Come to the MAP meeting to discuss your trip, or submit trip descriptions to the PENWICLE by contacting Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961. Planning a last-minute outing? No problem - post your trip on the PWC website under Last Minute Trips, or on the PWC Calendar.

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is looking for photos of PWC activities. Please include your name, details of the trip, and people and places in the pictures. Electronic photos are welcome, too. Contact Sue DeArman, 360-697-1352, dearmans@comcast.net

Update Your Email Address

Contact Venita Goodrich to update your email address and other contact information. Contact Venita by email at vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.

Trip Reports & Photos Wanted

Do you have a great story to share about a recent trip? Erin Hennings is looking for trip reports to print in the PENWICLE. Please send trip reports and photos to Erin at penwicle@hotmail.com

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, Port Gamble (NEW location!)
- 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 Venita Goodrich at Peninsula Wilderness Club

P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070,

or email vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-698-9774.

Members should also contact Venita 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 Erin Hennings at penwicle@hotmail.com or 360-621-6961.

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Join or Renew Membership

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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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