



May 2008 Newsletter

Picnic/ Pot Luck

The Helena Outdoor Club will host a Pot Luck at Spring Meadow on Thursday 5 June at 5:30 in the evening. All

members are invited to join in. Bring your favorite dish or, just show up. If you have any paddle craft for the lake feel free to bring it. Once again music by Phil Cohea will be provided. Join us at the south-west side of the lake at the new shelter. This event is, to some extent, weather dependent.

Important Note: There will not be a May presentation. The HOC will convene for a new Trip and Year of Presentations once again in September. Be certain to catch us then.

Reminder: MWA Wilderness Walks books are out (108 hikes-free). Stop by the MWA office at 30 S. Ewing or call 443-7350.

May and Summer Trips

Hikes Every Tuesday Night at 5:30: meet at the parking lot across from the west side of the library near Birds and Beasley's. We will car pool if needed to do a hike. Call Jo Anne at 449-7971 or just meet there.

Kayak classes through the College of Technology starting in May. Call immediately as classes fill up fast. Schedule with Jo Anne at 449-7971

Saturday, May 3: The Helena Ridge Trail

If we are lucky and it doesn't rain or snow, we'll hike this gorgeous trail and look for purple pasque flowers, budding bitterroots and pink carpets of phlox. 7-8 miles, moderate, about 4 hours, car shuttle. Leaving at 8:30 am. Call Monique for meeting place. 495-9206.

May 3 Sat: Dearborn River/ Rocky Mountain Front

Canoe/Kayak/Small raft. Intermediate level. 16 river miles. A beautiful float from Bean Lake to Highway 200. Three 4 foot drops and a ten foot waterfall. Tim/Jan 442-1619

June 7 Sat: Métis Peak & Arches Mountain/ Rocky Mountain Front West of Choteau

Trip begins and ends with a ford of the South Fork of the Teton River. This is a circular route to arches, across the narrow ridge of Métis Peak with a return down an unnamed gulch. These summits provide spectacular views of the Rocky Mountain Front, the plains to the east and 2 large arches. Strenuous: elevation gain over 3,000 feet, distance over 6 miles. Tim/ Jan 442-1619

June 8 Sun: Clary Coulee

Clary Coulee Trail is a great day hike. To the east the hiker can look upon the broad expanse of the plains while to the west rises truly unspoiled high rocky walls and peaks of the Front. Tim/Jan 442-1619

Important: If you have access to the newsletter at our internet website (helenaoutdoorclub.org) or at our HOC yahoo.com group forum and wish to quit receiving the hard copy of the newsletter, please inform Monique Mandali, 495-9206 or Monique@mandali.com. This will help alleviate some of the burden of a labor intensive and expensive process.

Advertisements

HOC is in need of a laptop to use either by donation, loan, or purchase. Please call Tim/ Jan Horan 442-1619 or MaryAlice Chester 495-8787.

Four Kayaks for sale; One Old Town Moon 13.5 feet flat-water boat, one Perception Full Tilt playboat, and two other whitewater boats. Other miscellaneous boating gear is also for sale. Call Talina at 439-8278.

For Sale : Whitewater boat including paddle and spray-skirt all suitable for a large man. In addition, there is a small play-boat for sale. Call 458-3756.

We ask for someone to step forward as a new Trip Coordinator for the club. The only requirement you need to be a trip coordinator is to have enthusiasm about the outdoors and asking people to lead some trips. If you wish to be a leader yourself, we will provide you with our experience. This is your chance to contribute to a long-standing club that will hopefully keep growing for many more years! Call Tim or Jan at 442-1619.

A club for non-motorized recreation for 35 years

The Helena Outdoor Club is for everyone, regardless of age. Our Outdoor Interests are many and varied. This can include hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, or anything else enough people are interested in. Most activities are free. From beginner to expert, volunteers organize and guide our trips. We offer a monthly newsletter and presentations on adventure and travel in Montana and around the world. Anyone can join—no experience necessary.

Yearly memberships are \$10/family

www.helenaoutdoorclub.org

Final call for 2008 membership dues! If the label on your newsletter is highlighted it means that this is your last newsletter. If you're receiving it by email and are not sure about your renewal status, please email monique@mandali.com and she'll look it up. Send \$10 to PO Box 219, Helena, MT 59624:

Name: _____

Address & Zip: _____

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Thank you, and Happy Trails!

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