



December 2011 Newsletter



Happy Winter Solstice!

December Program

You are invited to a free public presentation on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm**, in **Room 125** of UM-Helena, 1115 N. Roberts, just east of Helena High.

Montana Waterfalls:



Join **Larry Johnson** as he shows photos of the most beautiful waterfalls in Montana, from thundering drops to vibrant cascades. He and his son Nathan spent seven years searching for the best 50 waterfalls in the state,



from known attractions to hidden wilderness marvels they found on their own. Several waterfalls can be driven to but others require a short stroll from a parking area, a hike or even some bushwhacking. Johnson will share how to find some of his favorite cascades and will give helpful information on nearby camping, hiking, geology and history.

Larry and Nathan Johnson's book Montana Waterfalls: A Guide for Sightseers, Hikers and Waterfall Enthusiasts will be for sale at our program. A great Holiday gift!

Day Trips

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to last minute cancellation.

Show & Go Monday morning trips: Join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot next to the old Center Stage building on Euclid. Call Barb (443-1159) for details or read about the following week's trip on our Yahoo group.

Show & Go Tuesday evening hikes: Meet at 5:30 pm in the parking lot next to Birds & Beasleys across from the L&C Library. Hike on Mt. Helena or Ascension trails. Bring a headlamp. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details.

Saturday, December 10: Elkhorn Ghost Town hike or snowshoe. Snow conditions will decide what we'll do. For those interested, this moderate hike will be followed by a soak at Boulder Hot Springs. Meeting at 9:00 am. Call Helen (461-7421) for meeting place & details.

Saturday, December 17: Mt Haggin ski or snowshoe, near Anaconda. Ski or snowshoe on a large network of nicely groomed trails. We'll end the day with some delicious soup at the Soup Shack. Meeting at 8:00 am. Call Jo Anne (449-7971) for meeting place & details.

If we get good snow, watch for other impromptu ski or snowshoe trips on our Yahoo Group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc_members/

If you aren't receiving emails from our group and want to know how to sign up, email monique@mandali.com and she'll send you instructions. It's FREE to members and a super way for everyone to post their own outings *and* find out about other people's trip ideas all year long!

Coming Up:

Snow weekend trips in January, February and March 2012.

Thursday evening, Feb. 9, 2012: 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Helena Outdoor Club with a program by Rick Graetz, one of our founders. If you were at that first meeting in February 1972, MaryAlice would love to hear from you! (495-8787)

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And many other dedicated volunteers! Thank you, and

Happy New Year!

