

November 2012 Newsletter



Abundance

November Program

You are invited to a free public presentation on **Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 pm**, at **the Montana Wild Center** next to the MT Wildlife Rehab Center at Spring Meadow Lake (turn north at the light across from Kessler School).

Kayaking Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone National Park



Shoshone Lake is believed to be the largest backcountry lake in the lower 48 states that cannot be reached by road. It was first viewed by fur trappers in the early 19th century.

Join **Tammy Filiater** and **Roger Peffer** as they share photos and stories of two separate kayaking trips on Shoshone Lake as well as several day hikes that started from their campsites, including one into the Shoshone Geyser basin.

Open water, rivers, thick forests of lodgepole pine, hot springs and geysers were all part of their adventures as they kayaked this beautiful lake and camped on its shores. They saw plenty of wildlife and when they listened carefully, they could hear elk bugling at night from inside their tent!

Day Trips

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

Show & Go Monday hikes: join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot next to Ben Franklin on Euclid. We're usually back by mid-afternoon. Call Barb (443-1159) or read about each trip via the HOC Yahoo e-group.

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

Saturday, November 3: Lewis & Clark Caverns hike. Join us on a moderate 7-9 mile hike on the trail system at Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park with 1,000 ft. elevation gain & loss. Leaving at 8:00 am. Call Julie (410-1037) or Helen (461-6741) for meeting place.

Saturday, November 17: Comet (snowshoe?) hike. We will explore the Comet Ghost Town area, a former mining town located between Boulder and Basin on the High Ore Road. Our hike will take us West toward the Occidental plateau. Leaving at 10:00 am. Call Julie (410-1037) or Helen (461-6741) for meeting place.

Stay in touch through our Yahoo group:

Reminders, additional and last-minute trips will be posted on our **YAHOO group**, a network of over 80 local outdoorsy folks and potential trip companions. You can find us here:

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

If you aren't already on this list 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!

THE HELENA OUTDOOR CLUB is for everyone, regardless of age. Our outdoor activities vary with the seasons and include hiking, backpacking, canoeing and kayaking, bicycling, snow shoeing, XC and downhill skiing. Most activities are free. Members organize and guide trips for the casual recreationist. No experience necessary. We also offer free public presentations on adventure travel in Montana and around the world.

Yearly memberships are only \$10/family. Mail your check to PO Box 135, Helena, MT 59624.

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