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Submitting Materials for Publication in the Kinnikinnick

We welcome all sorts of items for publication in this bulletin. Trip reports, photos, creative writing, drawings, information on schools or special trips, corrections, historical notes, and more are welcome. Events listed in the calendar are taken directly from the online calendar and are not edited for accuracy, so make sure your events are current and correct. Language used in articles should be appropriate for readers of all ages. The editor reserves the right to decline or edit submissions. Substantive editorial changes are always discussed with contributing authors. Photos should be large and include identifying information as well as the name of the photographer. If you have any questions about the suitability of material for publication, or to submit a piece, contact the editor at editorial@spokanemountaineers.org. See formatting guidelines elsewhere in this issue.

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The emblem of the Spokane Mountaineers was adopted on February 9, 1933 and is described as follows: *"In the form of a circle approximately four inches in diameter, representing the woodman's compass and symbolic of the completeness of nature, the emblem shall have an outer margin of forest green, carrying the name 'Spokane Mountaineers' in white block letters, thus utilizing the Association's colors, green and white. Within the margin, a white field shall carry in the background the outline of a mountain, in the foreground shall be a spray of kinnikinnick, with green leaves and red berries. There shall be a blazing sun above the mountain, bringing in the name 'Spokane' in its Indian interpretation, and symbolizing the Mountaineer's love for the out-of-doors. To symbolize and include the year-round activities of the organization, there shall be inserted in the white border, a brown ice axe and ski pole crossed on the right, a pair of skis on the left."*





One of my favorite parts of Spokane is the dramatic changing of the seasons. Not only because of the beautiful new scenery that is ushered in, but also because it means there will soon be new ways to enjoy the mountains! Here at the Spokane Mountaineers we have proudly kept all of our climbing education courses full over the summer months. The courses included rock climbing, sport lead climbing, trad lead climbing, as well as high angle rescue and others.

But just like the seasons, our focus is shifting, and we are starting to write the schedule for our most prominent education course, Mountain School! By the time you receive this issue, we will have our application open to accept around 30 new students into Mountain School that is designed to develop core mountain skills like snow camping, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, knots, and much more! The application is open all winter and the first session will begin at the end of February!

In the meantime, you will see many of our members enjoying cross country, downhill, and back-country skiing all winter, as well as operating our more technical climbing classes like Ice Climbing Seminar and Alpine School. Keep an eye on our website to see the full list of classes, and we are working towards having the brand new SMI website up and running very soon!

Rumor also has it that we will experience a thick heavy winter this year, and our fingers are tightly crossed! You have our permission to start your snow dances now!

Li Ciavola
Vice President - Spokane Mountaineers

Remembering Wil Murray

Submitted by Brian Hoots

Just before going to press on this Kinni, we learned of longtime member Wil Murray's passing on November 15, 2021- a week shy of his 85th birthday. Wil joined the Mountaineers in 1962 at age 19. He served as the Climbing Committee Chair in 1967 and President of the Club in 1968.

We will have a complete write up for Wil in the Spring Kinni highlighting his six decades with the club. If you have anything you wish to contribute, please send it to Chic Burge (historian@spokane-mountaineers.org) or Brian Hoots (ecomm_chair@spokanemountaineers.org) by January 15th, 2023. Barbara Murray can be reached by mail at 1004 W 23rd Avenue, Spokane, WA 99203.

As we get more information, we will update it on the club web site.

Below is a picture of Wil (on left) with other members at the 2015 Centennial Birthday Party. Followed by Wil and Barbara at the same gathering.



Key Club Announcements

A New Code of Conduct and Ethics

Recent events that included inappropriate behavior and insulting and demeaning language from a club member toward other members prompted action from the Board of Directors. After an investigation revealed no real policy existed to specify expected norms of behavior for club members, the Board drafted a Code of Conduct and Ethics. The goal in developing this new policy was to set the expectations for members and Leadership regarding demeanor and behavior when conducting club business. It also educates club members on the process to take when there is any concern about inappropriate behavior or language from other members.

This new Code is in the final review process before being codified as a policy. Once the review process is complete, it will be sent out to all members for information and understanding.

Spring Kinnikinnick information is due February 4, 2022.

Please get events entered and approved with the activity chairs and submit any trip reports to editorial@spokanemountaineers.org. Any activity leader having difficulty putting an event into the website can reach out to the activity chair(s) or send event details to ecomm@spokanemountaineers.org, and they will assist you with the event entry.

Outdoor Partnerships

Volunteer trail work continued with many of the same partnerships as in the past. This included work at Waikiki Springs with the INLC and work at the Wilson Ranch with the DHC among others.



Membership Renewal in 2022 from the Membership Committee.

If your membership is due to expire in the next before December 2021, please renew in our current system.

Currently, the only **complete** online checkout and payment process available is using a PayPal account.

If you wish to pay by **Credit Card or Check**, please continue the renewal check-out process. When you get to the PayPal site, select "Cancel and return to Spokane Mountaineers." It will cancel the payment but maintain your account information for us to activate.

Then send an email to membership@spokanemountaineers.org, and we can issue you a PayPal invoice to your email that can be paid by credit card checkout on PayPal. We can combine multiple renewals on a single invoice.

If you wish to pay by check, send the completed membership application to PO Box 1013, Spokane, WA 99201-1013. Please be sure to include the email account you are paying to renew or activate. ([membership application](#))

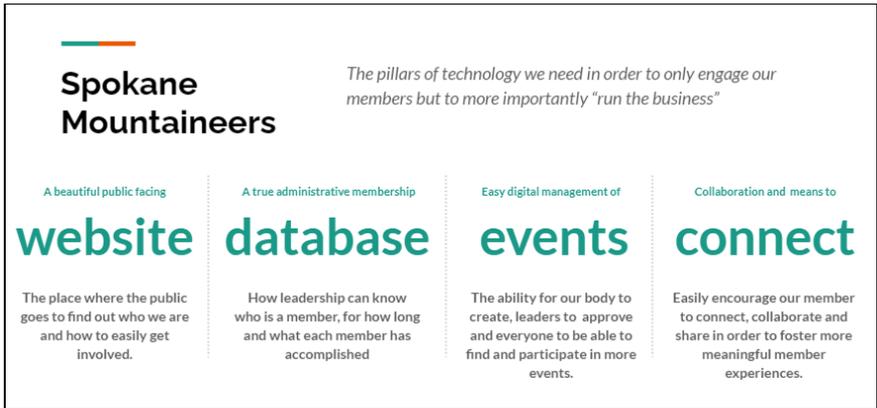


Priscilla Peak in Kootanai National Forest MT. Photo credit Tyler Nyman

Digital Evolution Updates

Submitted by Brian Hoots, Samantha Journot, Matt Jeffries

The new web site and membership tools will be rolling out in the next few weeks! This project has been long in motion and reflects the four key problems the Club set out to solve:



As we take these steps forward to solve these problems, the club will...

- Increase the flow of new members, some of who stepped out during the pandemic slow down.
- Increase participation in our activities, schools and volunteer opportunities
- Increase the value of membership

We are addressing the four challenges above by improving the technology available to our leaders and our members. Our new technology is Cloud Based, always available and much more reliable compared to systems we have used in the past. The new technology is mobile friendly so you can find out what is going on while you are on the go. We have Rich Content friendly editing tools for users. And now have the ability to easily back up and to test changes without putting our site at risk! We have also improved our merchant services by switching from PayPal to Stripe to make it simpler and easier for you to pay dues and tuition. All of the improved site security comes to us by using an industry leader in customer services and relationship management tools (Salesforce.com). The tools we are using from Salesforce are also being used by our colleagues at the Sierra Club, The Mountaineers, and the Appalachian Mountain Club to manage their members and services to their clubs and their communities.

We by no means have all problems solved, but we are taking a big step headed in the right direction and look forward to your feedback and patience as we roll this system out.

Our timeline with our first roll out looks something like this:

November - Roll our sandbox to production and conduct user acceptance training with a few members, our Board of Directors and our Leaders. Tested our data import process to capture current memberships and members who were current since 2019.

December - Members will receive email about your account activation in the new system and inactive members will receive options for renewal. Renewal after this time will be on the new site. The old site membership renewal process will be shut down and directed to this new site.

January - Members begin learning and using the system.

We will continue to improve processes used by our leadership to improve the services available to you.

Website Training....Lets get started.

Please review some of the following:

Heads up! *Your username will be slightly different*

The new site uses a username that is based on the email you provide with ".smi" added to the end of your email. So when superhiker@abc.com has been using that email as their username to access the old site they will now use superhiker@abc.com.smi to access the new system. The reason for this is that some users may already use Salesforce products and this avoids any conflicts in the Salesforce system. "superhiker@abc.com.smi" will be unique across the Salesforce system and just for them! Keep in mind all email and notifications will still be sent to email on file (superhiker@abc.com)

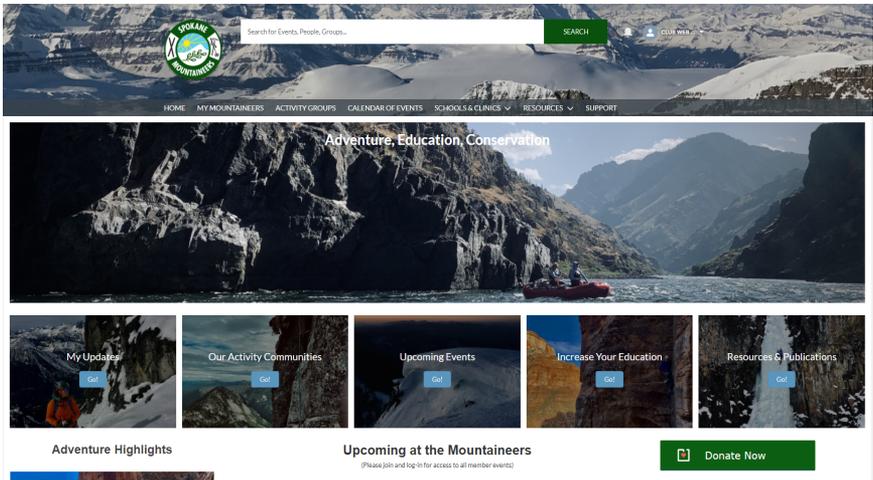
Web site pages

As you view the site, we hope you find some of it familiar, but new.

One of the first things you may wish to do is take a look at your profile and make any updates. This would include your contact information as well as preferences for what notifications you receive and how often you receive them. You have the opportunity to upload a photo as well as receive constant updates or daily or weekly digest of the things you are following (article continued on next page).

Update Home Page

This is a view of the **Home** page



Home is really the view essential to the public finding us and learning about who we are. Announcements and messages on this home page are public and do not require any log-in to view. We hope to keep images that demonstrate all the things we do.

My Mountaineers is the primary page for our members. It is your page and what you are doing, activity groups you are active in, events you are registered for and members you may be following. You will only see the activity groups you follow. If you have not joined a specific activity group like Skiing, you won't find information about what they are doing here.

Activity Groups is the primary page for our members to find the activities they are passionate about and follow the groups who support these activities. We want the public to see our diversity in activities, but the member is able to go deeper into these groups to see all that is available and participate. Also where you will find Clubwide group and announcements.

Calendar of Events shows existing events and is the place where activity leaders will create new events available to our members. You have options to change the view from weekly to monthly.

Schools and Clinics are where the public and our members will find information about our education programs and sign up for them as they become available.

Resources is where the public and our members will find information about our Club and the resources available. This includes Leadership contacts, Mission, Member Benefits, Online Kinnikinnicks, Chalet, Member Documents, Web Page Tutorials, History of the Club and other information.

Support is where the public and members can request support.

A few terms you may see and are not familiar with:

Global Search - this is the search bar at the top that allows you to easily search for activities or discussion threads based on keywords

Collaboration - Once logged in, the collaboration feeds (similar to facebook but called "chatter") are where you can see discussions, posts and ask questions.

@mention - This is a way for you, while writing a comment/question to use the "@" symbol on your keyboard to directly mention someone with whom the subject pertains. For example there is an interesting upcoming event and I want to notify my friend Sam who has not yet registered for the event. I can simply type @, then type Sam's name and they will be notified in my comment.

Direct Message: This is a messaging service for you to send a direct communication to another member or members. Sometimes you may receive messages that are sent to multiple people. Always be aware that you may be replying to a group message.

Please watch for updates for additional training materials. [Joining Events](#), [Creating Events](#), [Using the My Mountaineer Page](#)

In Memory of Kay Guillory

Deb Orr Hansen

In the beauty of nature
we shall remember you
and the times we had together.

Let the memories flow
as the deep and timeless river
winding its way thru
the canyons of our minds.

We will think of you
from the mountain top where ridge
after ridge of endless blue mountains offer peace.

In the lush green valley
may we feel your presence



in the whispering breeze of the trees.

Your smile is in the delicate dew-tipped
wildflower

glistening in the golden sun.

Your gentleness is the baby fawn in the
meadow beside the meandering creek.

You are the yellow butterfly
peaceful, strong, and free.

May your spirit soar thru the mountains
on the wings of the eagles.

Forever you walk besides us
along the winding trail.

Thirteen (or more) Essentials

These are the selections of essential outdoor gear, which the Spokane Mountaineers refer to as the Thirteen Essentials and promote as critical and essential items, which belong in your pack as insurance against the unexpected. Although you may not use all the essentials every day, they can be lifesavers in an emergency.

Never forget the ultimate essential not on the list—COMMON SENSE.

And consider Jason Luthy's recommendation for a 14th essential—compassion.

1. EXTRA FOOD & WATER: Emergency packet of high-energy food and minimum of one quart of water
2. EXTRA CLOTHING
3. MATCHES in a waterproof container with striker
4. FIRE STARTER: candle or other commercial starter
5. MAP: topographic map of current area
6. COMPASS with 2° markings and base plate
7. HEADLAMP or flashlight with extra bulb and batteries
8. SIGNALING DEVICE: whistle and/or mirror
9. POCKET KNIFE
10. EMERGENCY SHELTER: tarp, space blanket, or bivy
11. FIRST AID KIT
12. TOILET PAPER & TROWEL
13. SUN PROTECTION: Sunglasses with 98-100% UV protection, sunscreen with 15+SPF, lip balm

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- Login problems: ecomm_chair@spokanemountaineers.org
- No *Kinnikinnick*, or multiple copies: membership@spokanemountaineers.org
- Committee list changes (back of this book): editorial@spokanemountaineers.org

For other problems, try a leader of the activity in question, a board member, or an officer (see inside cover or back pages). We will get your problem solved or your question answered!

Club Voicemail

The club phone number is 509-838-4974. When you connect, you will be given options to leave a message in one of the committee voicemail boxes. These messages will then be forwarded to the appropriate chairperson or person responsible for these areas. We do not have mailboxes for all committees at this time, so when in doubt, use the general mailbox and it will be recorded and routed as needed. An extension number can be pressed at any time to bypass the message.

If you do not choose an extension, the message will be left in the general voice mailbox. To leave a message, choose from the following:

General mailbox or if you are not sure who should receive the message	Press 0
Membership	Press 1
Centennial Celebration and Historian	Press 2
Club President and Officers	Press 3
Chalet	Press 4
Conservation	Press 5
Climbing	Press 6
Hiking	Press 7
Mountain Biking	Press 8
Skiing	Press 9

STYLE GUIDELINES FOR *KINNIKINNICK* SUBMISSIONS

Files may be submitted in any form, but editable Word documents are preferred. Photos should be large format (do not compress for sending), color or black and white, and sent as separate files (not embedded in text) or downloadable links. Please limit trip reports to no more than 2,000 words unless specified by the editor. If you are submitting print-ready files, use the below parameters. However, it is also OK to send as-is standard Word document, any font and size you like. The Kinni Editor can convert to the Kinni requirements.

- Page size 5.5"x 8.5";
- Half-inch margins all sides
- Font = Corbel 8.5-pt regular for text, Corbel 12-pt bold for titles, Corbel 10-pt regular for "submitted by" and Corbel 8-pt italic for picture captions.
- Page numbers will be inserted into your text as needed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the editor at editorial@spokanemountaineers.org. The editor can work with most file types and assist with formatting.

Events at a Glance

Clubwide

Monthly Board Leadership Meeting	Mon	Dec 6
Monthly Leadership Meeting	Mon	Dec 13
General Membership Meeting	Mon	Dec 20
Monthly Board Leadership Meeting	Mon	Jan 3
Monthly Leadership Meeting	Mon	Jan 10
General Membership Meeting	Mon	Jan 17

Conservation

Conservation Committee Meeting	Mon	Dec 13
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Snowshoe

Steven's Lake, Mullan Idaho	Sat	Jan 15
Star Peak, Clark Fork, WA	Sat	Feb 26,
Round Top Mountain, Hope, ID	Sat	March 26



Big Heart Lake in the Apline Lakes Wilderness. Photo credit Shuwen Wang

Calendar of Events

EVENT: Charlie Brown Christmas Tree

TYPE: Chalet - Day Use

DATE: December 11, 2021

DAY: Saturday

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

COST: Free

MEET:

LEADER(S): Kristy Canright 5095996743, Therese Roberson 509-998-1359, Holly Weiler 509-921-8928

Meet at the chalet anytime between 10am - noon to hunt for your very own Charlie Brown Christmas Tree on the Mountaineers' property! We are in the middle of a tree thinning project, and hunting out the perfect Christmas tree is a good way to help thin some of the small trees from the forest. We'll have a bonfire if conditions allow, so bring something to cook over the fire if you'd like. Dog friendly with leash (& pick-up after pets required). Park in the Lower Selkirk SnoPark lot (permit required) and walk down the driveway to meet the group. Please bring plenty of warm gear and a handsaw if you have one. Note that there are specific areas of the forest we are focusing on thinning, and Christmas tree harvesting is not permitted on surrounding State Parks property. I will let State Parks know we are harvesting trees from our own property on this date. In the afternoon we will have a wooden ski pine tar clinic so long as the weather is good.

EVENT: Conservation Committee meeting

TYPE: Conservation

DATE: December 13, 2021

DAY: Monday

TIME: 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM

COST: Free

MEET:

LEADER(S): Club Conservation Chair 509-838-4974

Monthly meeting of the conservation committee. Committee activities, meeting agenda, etc. are mostly coordinated over email. Email Gina Claeys at conservation_chair@spokanemountaineers.org to be added to the email list. Look forward to hearing from you!

EVENT: Stevens Lakes Snowshoe

TYPE: Hiking - Snowshoe

DATE: January 15, 2022

DAY: Saturday

TIME: 07:00 AM - 02:00 PM

COST: Free

MEET: Mullan, ID, USA

LEADER(S): Shuwen Wang 7173701910, Tyler Nyman 509-270-8236

Meet at 7AM at the Fernan Ranger Station in Coeur d' Alene. We will drive approximately 1 hour east to the winter parking area on Willow Creek Road south of Mullan. The winter route adds about a mile of hiking one way along the forest road before reaching the official trailhead. From there, it is another 2 miles of steady uphill travel to the lower lake. Another half mile will take us to the upper lake, where we will have great views of Stevens Peak at the head of the valley. We will retrace our route back to the parking area. Round trip distance is approximately 7 miles with 2,200' elevation gain. This outing is best suited for physically fit hikers, due to the steady uphill travel with potentially deep snow. Please come prepared with your 13 essentials, including extra insulating layers (no cotton), a waterproof rain shell and waterproof insulated boots. Make sure your headlamp has fresh batteries in case we're out later than planned. A detailed map for this hike is included under "Documents". High avalanche danger or inclement weather may cause us to choose another route or cancel. I will be in touch with all who sign up prior to the outing. Contact Tyler Nyman for more information: 509-270-8236.

EVENT: Star Peak Snowshoe

TYPE: Hiking - Snowshoe

DATE: February 26, 2022

DAY: Saturday

TIME: 06:30 AM - 02:00 PM

COST: Free

MEET: Clark Fork, ID, USA

LEADER(S): Shuwen Wang 7173701910, Tyler Nyman 509-270-8236

Meet at 6:30AM at the east side parking lot of Walgreens on Appleway in Coeur d' Alene. We will drive approximately 1 hour 40 minutes to the Big Eddy trailhead on Highway 200 near Heron, Montana. Despite easy access to the trailhead, snowshoeing to the top of Star Peak is a strenuous endeavor. This hike gains elevation quickly, ascending nearly 4200' in about 5 miles. The journey to the top includes filtered views of the Clark Fork River Valley through the trees. Atop the 6167' summit is an old fire lookout tower, as well as stunning panoramic views of the Scotchmans, Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and Coeur d' Alene Mountains. This outing is best suited for physically fit hikers due to steep uphill hiking in potentially deep snow. Please come prepared with your 13 essentials, including insulating clothing layers (no cotton), waterproof insulated boots, high energy snacks and fresh batteries for your headlamp in case we're out later than planned. A detailed map for this hike is included under "Documents". Inclement weather may cancel. I will be in touch with all who sign up prior to the outing. Contact Tyler Nyman for more information: 509-270-8236.

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Ascending Engle Peak in Cabinet Mountains, Photo Tyler Nyman

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