

The Mountain Ear

July 2019

Editor's Message

Its summertime and everyone is busy with everything right now. Which is good! Time to enjoy the sun and rock and water. Joshua begged off of getting a President's message out this month- citing the worst of all excuses- WORK! Make sure you shame him on your next opportunity ☺!!

Now is the time to sign up for the Glacier Classic! See the details below.

We have a bunch of trips coming up in the next month. As always, watch our online calendar as there are more likely to be added as well. The following section lists the current schedule.

Thanks everyone for your continued involvement! Enjoy summer!

Happy Trails,
Forest Dean

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Scramble- **Scapegoat Mtn**- Sat-Sun, July 6-7
Hike- **Williams Peak (Fish Creek Area)**- Sun, July 14
Scramble- **Peak Y and Sonielem Ridge (Missions)**- Sat, July 20
Scramble- **Swan Crest Traverse**- Sat, July 20
Scramble- **Norris Mtn (Glacier NP)**- Fri, July 26
Scramble- **Bare Peaks (Bitterroots)**- Sat, July 27
Run/Bike- **BM-2-HH**- Sat-Sun, July 27-28
Scramble- **Missions Traverse**- Sun, August 4
Scramble- **Bitterroot Traverse**- Fri-Sun, August 9-11
Various- **15th Glacier Classic**- Fri-Sun, August 16-18
Multi-Day- **Wind River Range**- Sat, Aug 31-Sun, Sept 8

Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!

www.rockymountaineers.com

The 15th Annual Glacier Classic

Thursday, August 15- Sunday, August 18

This year The Rocky Mountaineers signature event- The Glacier Classic- celebrates its 15th anniversary! We sincerely hope you will consider joining us for this long weekend of climbs, hikes and all around fun in Glacier National Park. As with the last two years, we will be basing our activities out of St. Mary on the east side. This time around our campground will be Divide Creek Campground. We are still in the planning stages for our trip offerings: we will have at least two trips on Friday, four on Saturday, and two on Sunday. Our goal is to have something for most ability levels. Stay tuned! And while the trips are the focal point of the weekend, the camaraderie enjoyed at the camp in the evenings is often just as fun and memorable. Whether it's your first time or your 15th, it's certain to be a blast!

We would like to accommodate all who wish to attend, so please register early to ensure we have an adequate number of campsites. You are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing.

Itinerary:

Thursday- Those wishing to participate in one of the Friday trip offerings should arrive in St. Mary this evening.

Friday- We will have at least two trips today for those wanting a longer weekend. The rest of the participants will likely head up to St. Mary and arrive sometime Friday afternoon or evening. Bring your own food and drink for dinner this evening. Around 8:00pm we will have the Saturday trip leaders announce their plans for the following day.

Saturday- Climbs and hikes during the day. In the evening we'll gather in camp for the infamous **Hanou Burrito** dinner! (bring your own drinks)

Sunday- More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

Friday

ALLEN MOUNTAIN- Start at Many Glacier and hike/scramble up into the Snow Moon Basin before gaining the north side of the Peak. Class 3. Leader: John Bardsley

MT. JAMES- Start at Cut Bank Ranger station, hike up to Triple Divide Pass and ridge-walk to the summit. Class 2-3 with an elevation gain of 4,500, one way 9 miles (7 miles on human trail), return the same way. Leader: Susanna Girolamo Phillips

Saturday

IPASHA PEAK- Long out and back trip via the "Yo-Yo" Route. Hike to Iceberg Lake from Many Glacier, ascend to Iceberg Notch, up and over Ahern Peak, scramble up Ipasha. Return the same way. Class 3. Leader: Forest Dean

PIEGAN MOUNTAIN- Start at Siyeh Bend and hike up to Piegan Pass then on up to the saddle between Pollock and Piegan. Scramble up to the summit from there. Class 2.
Leader: Vick Applegate

WATERFALL HIKE- This shorter hike will begin at Sunrift Gorge trailhead and head to three waterfalls near the west end of St. Mary Lake: Baring Falls, St. Mary Falls and Virginia Falls. Class 1. Leader: Steve Schombel

BLACKFOOT MOUNTAIN- A long day with a mix of everything- trail miles, off trail travel, glacier travel, and ice pitch! Class 4-5. Leaders: Joshua Phillips/Fintan Maguire

Sunday

MOUNT CANNON- This will start at Logan Pass and ascend the trail to Hidden Lake overlook. Traverse and ascend to the saddle between Clements and Cannon then scramble to the summit of Cannon. Class 3. Leader: Forest Dean

For more information or to register please email:

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Hope to see you there!

Concert Workers Needed!!!

Our club has recently been presented with an incredible opportunity to help establish our long sought after "Gear Library"! As many of you are probably aware, Big Sky Brewery hosts a summer concert series in their backyard "Amphitheater". At each of these concerts, they select a local non-profit organization/club to work the beer stands. At the end of the night, the organization keeps all of the revenue from the beer sales! The profits must go towards a project, which in our case, would be to help acquire an inventory of mountaineering related gear that our members can check out for use.

We will be working the **Friday, August 2nd JACKSON BROWNE concert**. What do we need? About 25 of you! Our task is pretty simple. Some of us pour beer into cups. Others take those cups and give to thirsty concert-goers in exchange for a ticket. A couple folks will also be tasked with selling those tickets.

We will need you to show up around 3:45pm and training begins at 4:30. Plan on being there until 11-12 as we need to assist with cleanup after.

What do you get?

- Free entry into the concert!

- We will provide each worker with either a TRM Shirt (you will need to wear this)
- Food/Pizza prior to things getting busy (and drinks of course)

We will be one of two organizations working this concert. The Bower Climbing Coalition (based out of Spokane) will be the other. Many of you are aware of the recent tragic passing of Jess Roskelley. Jess was one of the founders of the BCC. The current board of the BCC wishes to establish a Jess Roskelley memorial trailhead at the Spokane area Deep Creek crag area and plans to use their portion of funds raised for this effort. Jess's father John plans to be at the concert as well as other prominent climbers and friends. It will be fun to get to know some of these folks! (Possible social event the night prior to the show as well).

So, please consider helping out...it will be fun! First come, first served (26 folks are signed up thus far). We will give priority to members, but if you'd like to sign up a friend, please just let us know.

Contact: Forest Dean- mtnear1@gmail.com. Thanks everyone!

Achievement Awards

The Rocky Mountaineers annually recognize any current club member who has completed one or more of the several peak lists listed on our website:

(www.rockymountaineers.com/index.php/achievement-awards). Perhaps you have finished one of these lists and don't even know it! We'd love to present a few folks with a certificate of accomplishment at our September "Welcome Back Party". So, take a look at the lists, then get busy...you have two months!

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at: <http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

Club Officers

President- Joshua Phillips

Vice President- John Bardsley

Secretary- Fintan Maguire

Treasurer- Susanna Phillips

Website- Alden Wright

Archivist- Julie Kahl

Newsletter and Past President- Forest Dean