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Snow Season is Here!

Snowshoeing

We typically do a snowshoe trip or two each year. Sadly, our venerable Snowshoe Chair Extraordinaire, Jonathan Pryce is retiring (thanks Jonathan!) That is good news for someone interested in stepping up as our Snowshoe Chair. Typically the chair will lead an annual beginner trip up Commonwealth Basin, or anywhere they want to, in Dec or Jan. Can you help? We also need co-leaders and a sweep!

Do you have snowshoes taking up space, collecting dust, and not being used? Please donate them to the WAC at Guye Cabin. We use them as loaners and you can rest assured they will be put to good use!

Forest Service led trips

New to snowshoeing? Guided Forest Service snowshoe walks on Snoqualmie Pass offer a chance to experience winter's beauty while learning about snowshoeing and winter ecology. This moderately paced walk meanders through extraordinary old growth forest that opens to occasional views of surrounding snow-capped peaks.

The walks are held January through March each year. They generally last 90 minutes. Group size is limited to 20 people and reservations are required. Children under the age of 10 cannot be accommodated.

Snowshoes are provided for all walks. In order to offset the costs of the program, a \$10 donation per person is suggested. Please dress for winter weather; hats, gloves, sturdy, waterproof boots, and insulating layered clothing are recommended.

Also offered is a longer snowshoe hike for those interested in a half-day outing in Gold Creek Basin. These walks will be led by Forest Service volunteers three days this winter and group size is limited to six participants. These ventures require a higher level of fitness and winter preparedness; please call for more information or to make reservations call the Snoqualmie Pass Visitor Information Center at (425) 434-6111

Friday thru Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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On your own in the Snoqualmie Pass Area-

Amabilis Mountain: This trip starts at Exit 63 (Cabin Creek). Park on south side.

Walk north across I-90 to F.S. Rd. 4826. Start snowshoeing on the right-hand side (not on!) of the groomed x-c tracks on this road. About ¼ mile along this road past the Kongsberger ski cabin, turn right onto F.S. Rd. 4822 and start climbing! Stay to the right when going up the road, as there might be skiers coming down. Give them the right-of-way. Cross a small creek. At approximately 2 miles, you reach a fork.

If you go left (clockwise), this is the shorter route to the top. At approximately 3 miles, cross a road and head up to the ridge crest. Turn right, and follow to the actual summit. If you go to the right back at the 2-mile fork, this is the longer of the two routes to get to the top--or join the two to make a loop (some navigational skills needed to complete this loop). Views of Lake Keechelus Valley and the South Cascades to the south & Three Queens Mts. to the north. Sno-Park groomed parking permit required.

8 miles 2,100' gain 4,554' high point

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WAC Information

Calendar

DECEMBER 2010	
December 11	Annual New Snow Dinner
December 18/19	Nordic Ski Clinic
JANUARY 2011	
January 8	Junior Nordic Program begins
January 12	Wednesday Night Tele / Randonee Class begins
FEBRUARY 2011	
February 6	Chicks on Sticks Ski Race
February 10/20	Backcountry Class at Cabin
February 26	Hogg Loppet Ski Tour
February 27	Annual Fun Day on the WAC Trails
MARCH 2011	
March 5	Vegetarian Potluck Dinner
March 6	Snoqualmie Loppet 30K Ski Tour
March 19/20	Climbing Class Instructor Training
APRIL 2011	
April 23 - 24	Annual Olympic Beach Cleanup

Is Your Contact Info Current?

You can check these things on the Washington Alpine Club website: www.wacweb.org. If your address or email address changes please let us know!

Moving?

Send change of address forms to:

Washington Alpine Club

PO Box 352

Seattle, WA 98111

Or email Dave Mitchell at:

dtmitch@mindspring.com

New Email Address?

To update your email address log on to

www.wacweb.org

If you don't have an account, you can use the shared name and password:

User name: climbing / Password: climbon

Join the WACList on Yahoo

If you want to get mail on the WAC email list, join the yahoo group at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/>

Post message: waclist@yahoogroups.com Subscribe: waclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Important: You must be a current member! We have to approve you before you can join, so please put your name in the comment section.

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Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs,
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President's Corner

December 2010

by Mike Mahanay

Summer is a long distant memory as the La Niña winter begins with an arctic cold blast down the Frasier River and over three feet of snow at the Passes. All of the ski areas are open, and many of us have already been up on the slopes, on the trails or out to Paradise. We have found all our winter hats, gloves, & boots. Our boards are waxed, and we are drinking hot apple cider or spicy chai! This winter is already off to a good start, as we have a 32 inch base at Guye Cabin already.

The New Snow Dinner this year is Sat Dec 11, at 6 pm! The Snow Dinner is a WAC Community event that allows everyone to participate. Many folks will be up for the weekend to ski, snowshoe, or just relax and have fun. The Sargents will be preparing the entrée! Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your best specialty salad, vegetable, casserole, soup, appetizer or dessert. Can't cook? Bring flowers or drinks! Cost? Only a \$5 donation per person and some cans or packaged food to donate to the food bank.

Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to improve your technique? Or just want to learn a new discipline? The WAC Telemark and Randonee class is currently taking applications on the website. Don't delay, as the class is quickly filling up. Open to skiers of all abilities. It will start January 12 and runs six consecutive Wednesday evenings, at Snoqualmie Pass West, and will cost \$136 for the six lessons. Thanks to Randy Oakley for organizing and taking this on every year!

This is the time of year to get involved in the WAC classes. Either as a student or as an instructor there is an opportunity for you. Besides the Wednesday Night classes both the Backcountry Travel Class and Junior Nordic are open for registration. The 2011 Basic Climbing class will open for applications very soon.

I would like to take a minute to recognize Kristin Kaupang-our Membership Chair! Kristin has done a fantastic job for the last four years. Under her tenure our membership has increased, and we have instituted online renewals. Kristin, the WAC is very appreciative of your efforts!

Renew your membership right now through the safe and secure Google Checkout. It takes about two minutes to renew, and pay annual Cabin fees! Easy, and safe! Go to the WAC website when you read this and renew for at least another year. (There is an option to renew for up to five years at a reduced rate.) Renew here: <http://www.wacweb.org/About/renew.view>

The 2011 Board is very committed and proud to serve you. The Washington Alpine Club has a long great inspiring history going back to the creation of Mount Rainier National Park in 1893. We formally organized in 1916 when 31 year old Anna Louise Strong started the Cooperative Campers. Later, Guye Cabin was built in 1932.

I always enjoy talking to everyone in the WAC, both old and new, to get that sense of the past as we build to the future. Please feel free to call me, or any of the Board or Chairs, if you have something you would like to suggest or have us address. We are here for you! For its 94 year existence the WAC has always been an eclectic collection of climbers, hikers, peak baggers, families, skiers, and lovers of the outdoors.

The great charm of this holiday season is that it is not a particular place or time or thing but a spirit of warmth, generosity, and good will that is always welcome everywhere. The WAC embodies the holiday spirit year round!



The Washington Alpine Club Annual Meeting was held on October 17. Please welcome and congratulate the 2011 Directors!

President: Mike Mahanay

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Secretary: Ira Rushwald

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Snowshoeing

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Commonwealth Basin: This trip starts out near the Exit 52 interchange. Park in the parking lot for the Summit West ski area or park along S.R. 906 east of the Visitor Center. Cross the road & walk west, along the snow bank underneath the I-90 overpass. As the road bends past the overpass, you need to walk up the snow bank to get into the Pacific Crest North parking lot area.

From here, you are on your way to go up the basin. Good navigational skills are most helpful. You are in a heavy forest canopy but can follow alongside the banks of Commonwealth Creek (on the west side) and use this as your landmark. Views of Guye Peak are to the west, and Red Mt. to the north. At approximately 2.5 mi., the valley narrows enough that you will eventually have to cross Commonwealth Creek.

This is a good turnaround point before crossing the creek! There can be high avalanche danger up the basin beyond the creek.

4-5 miles 1,000' gain 4,000' high point

Keechelus Ridge: Take Exit 62 eastbound, I-90. Go north over the interchange & then head back west on I-90 approximately 1-1/2 mi. to the "Price Creek W. Sno-Park" exit 61. (There is no other way to access this Sno-Park if you come from the west.) A small trail leads northwest from the Sno-Park to F.S. Rd. 4832. Head west on this road a couple hundred feet. Climb to the north onto a small side road, F.S. Rd. 124.

This road climbs steeply up the sides of Keechelus Ridge

alongside Price Creek for ½ mi. before heading west away from the creek. The best "cross-country" trail is approximately 1.3 miles out of the Sno-Park. Snowshoe up the slope away from the snowmobile track, staying right when the road goes left. Parallel Price Creek as you go uphill but stay on bench above creek. Go approximately 1 mile before crossing F.S. Rd. 4934, just below ridge crest at 4,300'. Merge with F.S. Rd. 124 to make loop. This trip is for snowshoers who like to climb! Sno-Park ungroomed parking permit required.

6.5 miles 2,100' gain 4,900' high point

Kendall Peak Lakes: Take Exit 54 off I-90. Go north underneath I-90 straight ahead to the Gold Creek Sno-Park. This route heads up F.S. Rd. 9090 straight ahead on the west side of Gold Creek Valley and up towards Kendall Peak Lakes. Good views of Rampart Ridge on the east side of Gold Creek Valley, north towards Alta Mt. & Chikamin Ridge, & south towards the ski areas, Mt. Catherine, and even Mt. Rainier from the top! At approximately 1-3/4 mi. the road takes a sharp right hairpin turn.

The left spur road gives you views of the ski areas. If you stay to the right, this proceeds up towards the lakes. The road heads east and then north, as it stays on the west side of the crest. Switchback turns at approximately 2.5 & 3.5 miles. Stay to the north & follow Coal Creek at approximately 4-1/4 mi. keeping the creek on your left (west side) to the lower Kendall Peak Lake. Try not to approach the 3rd lake, as this is extremely steep and very avalanche prone. Sno-Park ungroomed parking permit required.

7-9 miles 1,700' gain 4,400' high point

Lower Gold Creek Basin: Take Exit 54 off I-90. Go north under overpass a few hundred yards & turn right onto F.S. Rd. 4832 & head east approximately 1 mile on this road that parallels the westbound lanes of I-90. Park along the shoulders of the road near the small bridge, which is over the outlet of Mardee Lake as it goes into Lake Keechelus. Snowshoe north onto F.S. Rd. 142 to enter the east side of this valley. This valley starts at approximately 1 mile in width and continues to narrow as you proceed up the valley on the east side of Gold Creek. You will see Kendall Peak to the northwest, Rampart Ridge to the east., Alta Mt. on the northeast, & Chikamin Ridge

to the north. Part of this route travels through private residential property in Ski-Tur Valley. Please respect private property and do not trespass on driveways or property. Avalanche slide paths are on either side of the valley off the Kendall Peak area on the west or Rampart Ridge area on the east. Try to stay in the middle of the valley as much as possible or follow the creek up the valley. As the valley narrows at approximately 3.5 mi. at the creek, you will find this to be a good turnaround point rather than crossing the creek! Sno-Park ungroomed parking permit required.

6-7 miles 400' gain 3,000' high point

Mount Margaret: Views of Lake Keechelus and Mt. Catherine to the south and the east side of Snoqualmie Pass. Take Exit 54 & turn north, proceeding under the I-90 overpass. Go a few hundred yards and then turn east onto F.S. Rd. 4832, which parallels the westbound lanes of I-90. Proceed to where the road ends by a snow-bermed turnaround. Park on the shoulder side of the road--do not block the turnaround. Follow the road southeast for approximately 1.5 miles from the snow-bermed road end. The road follows curves around the base of Rampart Ridge.

After crossing Wolfe Creek, the road climbs and switches back. At approximately 3.2 miles, the road splits. The left fork continues to climb another ½ mile to approximately 3,600' and the trailhead to the Mt. Margaret hike. Stay to the east side of the clearing as you proceed up hill. Can continue to the ridge crest then to the north. The last ½ mile is in the trees all the way to the crest/ridge just below the true summit of Mt. Margaret & you will be able to see Lake Margaret below and the Mt. Stuart range to the northeast. Sno-Park ungroomed parking permit required.

9 miles 2,800' gain 3,600' high point

Talapus Lake: Take Exit 45 (F.S. Rd. 9030) off I-90. Go north and follow F.S. Rd.

9030 west 1 mile until the junction with F.S. Rd. 9031. You may have to park down at this junction, depending on snow level and where it has been plowed. Follow F.S. Rd. 9030 to the right approximately 2.5 miles up to the Talapus Lake trailhead. You will go through some switchbacks. You will have occasional views of Bandera Mt., as well as Granite Mt. to the east. After about a mile

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on the actual trail (3.5 miles), you will come to Talapus Creek and will be following it approximately ¾ mile to the lake. Be aware of avalanche potential near the lake. If the avalanche danger is “moderate to high”, stay away from lake basin area.

Northwest Forest Pass required.

8.5 miles 1,600' gain 3,280' high point

Hurricane Ridge: One-mile walks on Hurricane Ridge, led by park naturalist Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as well as Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day, all at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Snowshoes provided. A \$2 donation is suggested (in addition to park entrance fee of \$10 per car). Register at Hurricane Ridge visitor center one hour before walk. Organized groups must

make reservations by calling 360-452-0330.

Paradise: Snowshoe walks in the Paradise area, led by park naturalist Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., weather permitting. Sign up at Jackson Memorial Visitor Center at Paradise, beginning one hour before walk. Snowshoes provided. Organized groups must reserve dates by calling 360-569-2211, Ext. 3314. Park entrance fee is \$10 per car.

More Information

The snowshoe routes listed above are neither marked nor maintained. You should always carry a map, compass, & other 10 Essentials and also have good route-finding skills when venturing into the backcountry. Always be

dressed for winter weather and be prepared for winter driving conditions when traveling in snow country. Always check ahead for avalanche conditions by calling the NWAvalanche Center Hotline: (206) 526-6677 or checking online at www.nwac.us



Nordic Ski Class

Kids Nordic Ski Classes

The Junior Nordic Program is a progressive program to teach children all-round skills for Nordic skiing. For ages 4 to 8, we focus on striding (classic) and downhill skills. Starting around age 8 or 9, kids learn to skate. Kids age 9 and older split their season between classic and skating styles. For kids under the age of 10, learning through games and adventure is very important.

Kids in Treasure Trails, Little Nordis, and Freeheelers will play a variety of games like treasure hunts, skiing off trail through the woods, playing soccer on skis, and having snowball fights all in the process of learning to ski well. When kids enter High Pros and are ready to for directed technique coaching, they'll be solid striders and skaters. January to March.

Nordic Ski Clinics

WAC member Doug Mercer is organizing a clinic December 18/19.

We also offer Nordic skiing workshops for all levels, taught by PSIA level III instructors Karel and Eli.

A combination of classic and skate styles. We might do a workshop in Jan. Feb. and March.

2011 WAC Telemark Randonee

With a La Nina winter on the way, it has never been a better time to improve your telemark/Randonee skiing skills. I hope you are able to join us for what I hope to be a fantastic ski season.

Class dates for 2011

Wednesday, January 12

Wednesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 26

Wednesday, February 2

Wednesday, February 9

Wednesday, February 16

Costs

Still just \$130 for the lessons

New this year, current WAC Members may pay for their lessons using Google checkout

Important dates

Discounted Seasons Pass Deadline: December 15th (Subject to change by the Summit)

Sign up deadline: Mon, Jan 3rd, 7pm

Payment deadline: Wed, Jan 5th, 7pm

Cancellation deadline: Wed, Jan 5th, 7pm

Sign up

www.wacweb.org/Classes/telemarkclass

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/>

[Washington-Alpine-Club-Wednesday-Night-Telemark-and-Randonee-Ski-Lessons](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Alpine-Club-Wednesday-Night-Telemark-and-Randonee-Ski-Lessons)

Wilderness Remote First Aid Instructor Class

Do have a current MOFA or WRFA certification?

A WRFA Instructor course is being scheduled for BoeAlps, and the WAC is welcome. The dates are: FIT (Fundamentals of Instructor Training): December 7th 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

WRFA Instructor Course: December 11th & 12th from 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM both days.

For more information or to register, please either contact either

Francois Godcharles fgod1138@hotmail.com

Karl Brackmann k.brackmann@verizon.net.

Winter Backcountry Travel

The Backcountry Travel class focuses on safe backcountry travel. The class is divided into groups of snowshoers; snowboarders; and skiers, both Alpine Touring (AT) & telemark. The participants are then further divided up by ability. The class is limited to 25 students. For all the information go to:

www.wacweb.org/Classes/BackcountryClass/default.view

Guye Cabin



1932 - "The cabin will be known as Guye Cabin due to its proximity to Guye Peak. It is owned by the Washington Alpine Club of Seattle. A variegated group of bathers, card sharks, lounge lizards, cats, mountain climbers and skiers."

One of the best things about WAC membership is historic Guye Cabin on Snoqualmie Pass. The jewel of the Alpine Club, the Cabin serves as the focal point for many club classes, activities, and gatherings. First built in 1932, it has been expanded over the years to become a wonderful rustic mountain lodge. It has easy access to all the summit ski areas, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area, the Pacific Crest Trail, and is a popular meeting place for members year round!

WAC Community News

New Cabin Fees

At the last Board meeting an increase in the annual cabin dues and the per-night fee for using the cabin was approved. Effectively immediately the new rates are as follows:

Per-night Usage Fee:

Member: \$15

Non-Member: \$20

Annual Cabin Dues:

Individual: \$80

Couple: \$130

Family: \$150

Day-use fees remain unchanged. The sign-in sheets at the cabin have been updated with the new fee schedule and the Google Checkout buttons on the website have also been updated to reflect the new rate for annual cabin dues. The full range of a la carte cabin fees are detailed here:

www.wacweb.org/Members/cabin/default.view

If you happen to find yourself at the cabin and wish to pay annual dues at that time, feel free write a check for the appropriate amount, write in the "memo" line "Annual

Cabin Dues" and put it in the payment box. If the check does not list the name(s) of all the members covered by the dues payment, please also include a hand-written note listing all the members covered by the payment. Shortly there will be a form at the cabin you can use for this purpose but until then, please simply write a note and I will figure it out from there.

The reason for the increase in usage fees is simple: the cabin currently costs more money to operate than it receives in usage fees. This increase is unlikely to close that gap completely but hopefully the gap will be narrowed. The amount that is narrowed will, obviously, depend upon usage. And cabin usage has increased over the last four fiscal years (FY2006 -FY2009) based on the fees collected. The Board has taken a position that Guye cabin does not need to fully fund itself and that our other sources of income can be used to cover any difference, just as it has been for a number of years. At the same time, the Board feels those who use the cabin will need to contribute more.

Rather than detail income and expenses of the cabin in an email, I have posted a PDF to the club's website showing operating income and expenses and capital income/

expense for the last four fiscal years. You can view that PDF at this link:

<http://www.wacweb.org/Members/Official/default.view>

Do note that "capital income" has been defined as the insurance payment for the damage to the cabin from the tree that fell on it in FY2006. As you can see that money is now exhausted. As you can also see, that money was used exclusively to fund significant improvements to the cabin. Operating expenses are those costs that must be incurred to keep the cabin open and functional. The operating expense line item "Cabin Expense" captures costs that are not capital in nature and not insurance, utilities, or property tax. Examples are refinishing the floors, painting, plumbing, electrical, and heating projects as well as general cabin supplies (garbage bags, paper products, etc.).

If you have questions regarding anything I have said above or anything related to the finances of the WAC, you can email your questions to:

treasurer@washingtonalpineclub.org.

In the meantime, enjoy the snow and have a good Thanksgiving holiday. Thank-you, Toby (a.k.a the treasurer)

It's time to renew your membership!

Fall is the time to renew your membership in the WAC for another year. These rainy days and long nights make it is super easy to do! Just look yourself up in the members section (climbing/climbon is the user name/password) to see when your membership expires.

We recommend you just renew online via our Google checkout. Just go to this link, and scroll down to the renewal section <http://www.wacweb.org/About/join.view>

Please consider adding an additional gift to your membership renewal check. Your contribution will help us with scholarships and major upcoming cabin expenses. Thanks for supporting your club!

You can also pay by check- Please send your check today made out to

"WAC", to:

Washington Alpine Club

c/o Kristin Kaupang

7712 14th Ave SW

Seattle, WA 98106

We hope that you continue to support the WAC!

E-mail: kekaupang@hotmail.com



Annual Dues (renewals)

	Regular	Senior	Out of State
Through Dec 2011	\$30	\$15	\$20
Through Dec 2012	\$60	\$25	\$35
Through Dec 2013	\$85	\$35	\$50
Through Dec 2014	\$115	\$45	\$65
Through Dec 2015	\$135	\$55	\$80

Instead of paying nightly (\$15) to stay at the Guye Cabin, you can pay the annual cabin dues which are effective Jan 1 to Dec 31. You can add the annual cabin dues to online renewal or check with a note indicating that you are including cabin dues and which WAC adult members are included (if paying dues for a family with 2 or 3 adult WAC members).

Individual Member	\$80.00
Immediate Family of two WAC Members	\$130.00
Immediate Family of three or more WAC Members	\$150.00

Winter Parking Procedures

We will have about 10 spaces on our side. Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. Everyone needs to make sure the signs, cones, and tape are out each day. Everyone is responsible for our parking. Do not allow the public to park in our area! We will park on our side only south of the **A-frame fire hydrant**.

Once those spaces are filled we must park at the far north end of the Sahalie side of the road. We must put the signs out Friday evening, and return them Sunday afternoon.

All WAC cars and guests must have decal or parking pass displayed.

Friday morning the Summit will plow, so we must have the area cleared at that time.

Please contact Mike if you have questions, concerns, etc.

mikemahanay@gmail.com

WAC discount at

Outdoor Research

WAC members still get a discount in the store. 15% for full priced OR stuff and 10% for full priced Non-OR stuff.

The Washington Alpine Club is on Facebook!

Facebook is yet another way to keep up with the Washington Alpine Club. Once you've joined Facebook, go to the WAC page and join the group. And invite your friends to join the group. You can connect with other WAC members, get information on upcoming events and post messages for other members.



www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6180692402

Washington Alpine Club

Winter Events

Will Gadd Dec 06

The Mountaineers are hosting Will Gadd at their Program Center in Sand Point on Monday December 6th at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 and include beer.

If you aren't familiar with Will Gadd he wrote the book we use for the Ice Climbing portion of the Intermediate Class and recently ran laps on a route at Ouray for 24 hours straight.

<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web10w/wfeature-gadd-endless-ascent-ouray>

New Snow Dinner Dec 11

The New Snow Dinner is an annual event to welcome in the Winter Ski Season and encourage the white fluffy stuff to finally start to fall! This is one of the biggest events of the year at the Guye Cabin, the heart and the soul of the Washington Alpine Club!

Come up to our beautiful Guye Cabin for the day and play! Tour the Cabin. Inspect all the new projects done over the summer. Or just socialize, read a book, play chess, spent the day playing outdoors or just relax! Come early! Stay late! Spend the night! Spend the weekend! Bring your family, friends, and guests! As always, we are expecting a big turnout so make your plans now! You won't want to miss this one! This year the Sargents have volunteered to prepare the entrée. We'll also have plenty of great food for vegetarians. We will eat promptly at 6 pm! Everything else will be specialty potluck. Please bring your very best side dishes of salads, appetizers, vegetables, deserts, or drinks. After dinner we'll do a slide show, and have entertainment!

Okay, how much this time?? Once again, we are asking for a mere five dollar donation each to cover the costs of the main course! That will be a lot of food and fun for five

bucks! We also ask that you bring some food for the local food bank. Questions or need more information? Call Mike Mahanay at 206.931.4713 or email mikemahanay@gmail.com

Hog Loppet Ski Tour February 26

The Hog Loppet is a non-competitive 30k Ski Trek from the top of Mission Ridge Ski Area to Blewett Pass. A shuttle bus service provided. This is recommended for intermediate skiers and above due to the length and some steep terrain and ungroomed conditions. Here is an article that tells more about this annual event-

<http://www.skileavenworth.com/files/file/Norwegian%20American%20Weekly%20Hog%20Loppet%20article.pdf>



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