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## 2010 Basic Climbing Class Wraps Up

Next week the 2010 Basic Climbing Class wraps up with the summit climb of Mt. Baker. Students took their final exams this week, but hazardous conditions have pushed the summit climb back a week. Congratulations to this year's students!

Check out a trip report on page 6 >>

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Next Issue will be in September.

Have a great summer. Get out. Take pictures. Write trip reports. Send them in.

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## WAC Calendar

June	
June 11-13	Summer Telemark Ski Camp
June 12	Guye Cabin Summer Work Party
June 12-13	Confident Kids at Cabin
July	
July 12-16	Summit Endurance Running Camp
July 17	Guye Cabin Summer Work Party
July 17-18	Seattle to Portland Bike Ride
July 23-25	Ellie at Cabin
August	
August 14	Guye Cabin Summer Work Party
August 14	WAC Summer BBQ (3:00 - 9:00 p.m.)
August 28-29	ICO Train the Trainer at the Cabin
Looking Ahead	
September 1	MOFA Enrollment Begins
September 11	Guye Cabin Summer Work Party
October 16	Guye Cabin Fall Work Party
October 17	Annual Members Meeting
November 13-15	MOFA Class (Tentative)
December 11	Annual New Snow Dinner

### Is Your Contact Info Current?

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

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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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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## June 2010

by Mike Mahanay

At least the calendar says that summer is here! Many of us are not so sure. The clear days have been few and far between. The Avalanche Center is still issuing warnings above 7K feet. Still- Western Washington is incredibly beautiful right now and it is always a perfect time to get outdoors with our friends. Most of the snow is now gone from Guye Cabin. Avalanche lilies and Skunk Cabbage are in full bloom.

The mountains are so amazingly beautiful in their sunny glory. The views from Guye Cabin are spectacular. Guye Peak, Kendall Peak, Red Mountain and Snoqualmie Mountain shimmer in the summer light. Snoqualmie Pass is warm and green, and soon the trails will be melted out. Take a day, or a weekend, and get out of Seattle! Pick a place in the mountains, either familiar or brand new, and go for a visit. We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful area and have great easy access to lakes, hikes, climbs, and bike rides.

In May the climbing class did their ascents of the Snoqualmie Peaks. They were on the Nisqually Glacier, and coming up next weekend they will be on big Mount Baker.

WAC Climbing teams will soon be on El Dorado, Mount Adams, Mount Olympus, and Mount Rainier! The WAC has many backcountry skiers and they have been out every month. Many are doing "Turns all Year"! WAC is such a unique special club, full of smart fun people.

As we all go off in different directions all over the world this summer, (some of us have left already) keep an eye on the WAC Calendar on the website [www.washingtonalpineclub.org](http://www.washingtonalpineclub.org) for important dates that you will not want to miss.

On August 14 we will have our annual Summer Party at Guye Cabin from 3pm to 10 pm. We'll have a BBQ at 6pm outside on the lawn. If you only come up once all summer this is the day! Bring your favorite potluck dish, renew old friendships and make some new ones, enjoy the beauty of the high country in summer! The Cabin should be open by 8 am if not sooner. This is an excellent chance to get some quality social time in with these amazing folks that make up our unique magical Club. Come on up!

I am continually amazed when I see Guye Cabin. It is the heart of our Club, and such a fantastic



place. So many people have stepped up and volunteered a day or more to make improvements, fix things, put things in order, or simply give support. This year we are upgrading windows and doors. We are also upgrading the fireplace insert in the Fireplace Room, and replacing the old cola stove with a modern efficient work burner. Thanks to Dale Ott, Archie Brenden, Dave Mitchell, Ed Kelting, Ralph Preston, & Jiri Pertold for leading these efforts. Many others have helped too. Summer is a perfect time to visit our Cabin to relax and enjoy the mountain summer! If you are lucky you might even have it to yourself. Bring your friends and family up to see it.

If you like to paint, chop wood, trail work, or do mountain chores come on up for a "Mostly Second Saturday" work party! This Saturday, June 12 is the next one. Then July 17, August 14 before the Summer Party, and September 11.

Just a reminder, this will be the last Bulletin until the September edition!

All of the WAC is looking forward to a fantastic summer bringing lasting memories!

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## 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.

Just click on the Facebook logo on the right to visit the WAC Page.



# WAC COMMUNITY NEWS

## Cabin Summer Work Parties



With the Work Party in May under our belts we are off to an excellent start this summer at Guye Cabin. We got five new windows installed in one day! Thanks to Geof Grogan, Jiri Pertold, Archie Brenden, Ed Kelting, & Darrell Lee. Everyone worked very hard to get them done.

The Work Party dates are excellent times to come to Snoqualmie Pass and see what it is like in the summer!

### **Here is the list of projects in process:**

Trail work, Firewood rounds and splits, Paint outside trim (Green)

Replace remaining existing windows:

Family room (2)

Men's dorm ( 2)

Women's dorm (2)

Stairwell window (2 now, can we make it 1)

Fireplace Room (2 big ones!)

Troubleshoot/upgrade kitchen wiring (at least on the cabinet wall) - might need to tear open the wall.

New Wood stove in kitchen / New fireplace insert in Fireplace Room (Dale Ott)

New balcony door in women's dorm

New French door to Fireplace room

Decide what to do with the floor in the family Dorm (John Sargent)

# CONSERVATION

## Index Town Wall Fundraising

As most of you know the Washington Climbers Coalition (WCC) is working in conjunction with the Access Fund to raise \$300,000 to purchase the Index Lower Town Wall crag and surrounding lands and ensure climbing access is permitted in perpetuity. For more details on this effort please see: <http://www.washington-climbers.org/IndexFund/>

Although the WAC will no longer be matching donations, we encourage you to support the effort.

**Donate Now!**

## Burke Museum:

## International Photography Conservation Award Winners

This summer the Burke Museum is opening an exhibit celebrating the work of International Photography Conservation Awards winners. The ICP Awards exhibit features 75 beautiful images representing the best of conservation photography from around the world. Several images feature Washington wildlife and photographers.

The WAC has five free admissions to the members preview on Jun 18 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. to give away to the first five people who would like to attend.

Just email Mike at [mikemahanay@gmail.com](mailto:mikemahanay@gmail.com)

[www.burkemuseum.org](http://www.burkemuseum.org)

THE BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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The Burke Museum is on the UW campus at 17th Ave. NE & NE 45th St.

# BASIC CLIMBING CLASS

## Trip Report: The Tooth

by Amy Cisler

And... we were off. Wow, after arriving in the Alpental parking lot a few minutes before 7 we had pack checks completed, re-packed packs, a quick trip back to the cabin for a 1950 era wooden ice axe (an improvised loaner for a forgotten ice axe) we were on the trail around 7:15. We were racing 2 things . . . the predicted thunderstorms and other groups, neither of which turned out to be an issue.

The trail in was smooth. Jeff and Jack lead us through a snow trail fairly well tracked from the Friday and Saturday groups. We arrived at the large snow boulder (aka bathroom quarters) and saw our instructors headed up to Pineapple pass. We were making great time and took a short break for eating and gearing up.

The instructors setup a quick belay over the tricky spot on the pass. We were all up in no time and headed to the base of the climb. Ahhhh, made it! I felt like I had already accomplished a days work and we had not started the rock climb. The students waited while the instructors worked their magic getting the pitches/rope established.

Noah, Andy, Ethan and Marah flew up the first pitch. I took a little more time overcoming some mental obstacles and was so happy to see Jenni at the ledge. A quick change of rope and I was on the second pitch. Just when I thought, "yeah I got this, no problem," I got to a tricky ledge. Slowly I scaled up the rock remembering, "small steps, climb like you are walking up stairs." I was equally happy to see Veronica at the top of the second pitch. From here it was a hand line up to Alex at the third pitch. All the previous trip planning and training was actually coming together!



*Students and Instructors atop the Tooth.*

The summit was in sight. Andy was at the top of the forth pitch sitting there calm and cool in socks directing me up the route to the top.

I was excited to see my group relaxing at the summit. It was fun to be looking over at Denny Peak and realizing that is where we were a few weekends ago. Especially fun to see the other WAC group at the summit of Denny. All the instructors arrived shortly after and then we started the long rappel down. Rappel went smoothly thanks to both the instructor's and student's mad skillz.

Glissade!! Whoo-hoo!! Extra thanks to Jeff for guarding and keeping us out of a large hole. A quick hike and we were greeted by Pat, Mike and Pabst!! I overhead Pabst at the bottom earlier in the day but thought someone was kidding. Ahhh! Chugging a Pabst was never so good.

Overall it was a great day of climbing. It was very rewarding finally getting to the top of the infamous tooth we have been hearing so much about. Thanks to all the instructors and fabulous group of students for making the day so fun.



# WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB

## Mount Baker Climbing Survey

Dear Members of the WAC:

My name is Teri Chuprinko and I am graduate student in the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources Management Department at West Virginia University. Along with my professor, Dr. Robert C. Burns, I am conducting a recreational mountain climbing study on Mt. Baker during the 2010 summer climbing season. This study is in collaboration with US Forest Service Region 6. We are looking into climbers' and outfitter guides' perceptions of social conditions (crowding, conflict, satisfaction, etc.) and managerial conditions (permits, ease of obtaining a

permit, etc.) on the mountain. Also, we are interested in climbing motivations from which I will write my Master's Thesis.

We are looking for people who have climbed Mt. Baker within the past five years. If you have climbed the mountain more than once, please provide us with information about your most recent climbing experience. If you have not yet participated in mountaineering on Mt. Baker, please consider taking the survey after your climb.

Thank you very much for your interest in the survey and have a great climbing season.

Sincerely,

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