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Guye Cabin Work Parties by Mike Mahanay



Have you visited Guye Cabin over the winter? Then you'll want to volunteer at our summer work parties!

Can you use a paint brush? Install a French drain, transplant trees? Split wood? Enjoy a beautiful day in the mountains? Come on up for our Saturday work parties! We do a potluck cookout lunch and treats. This is a great chance to see Snoqualmie Pass in the summer.

We'll have a great time and get a lot of things done. It sure feels good to help out the Cabin, the Club, and make some new friends! The WAC is filled with people who cherish an opportunity to work as a team and get things done.

What else do we need to do? Split and stack wood. Clean windows, Clean the top of the light fixtures and ceiling fans. Caulk some windows. Clean the WAC grounds, paint the bathrooms, paint the outside of the cabin, split kindling (in boxes if you have some).

Work parties are fun! It is a good chance to meet and get to know others from the WAC interested in Guye Cabin.

A huge thanks to all have kept the Cabin running over the winter! These people saw something that needed to be done - stepped up and donated time, money, sweat, blood, tears, and great food!

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WAC Information

Calendar

JUNE 2012	
JUNE 16	Work Party
JULY 2012	
JULY 14	Work Party
AUGUST 2012	
AUGUST 11	Work Party and Summer Party
AUGUST 25 - 26	Rhapsody Bike Ride
SEPTEMBER 2012	
SEPTEMBER 22	Work Party
OCTOBER 2012	
OCTOBER 21	Work Party and Annual Member Meeting

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

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

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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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President's Corner

June 2012 by Mike Mahanay

Yea! Memorial Day is the start of our Washington summer. We have had some super nice days - especially on the weekends. Western Washington is incredibly beautiful right now and it is always a perfect time to get outdoors with our friends. We are incredibly lucky to live where we do in one of the most beautiful spots on the planet. The last report was that there is still six feet of snow at Guye Cabin, but it is melting fast. Many of the rivers are running very high with snowmelt. Avalanche Lillies 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 almost summer light. Snoqualmie Pass is warm and turning 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. Early season there are many fine trips along the I-90 corridor. 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. Camp Muir and Mount Saint Helens were popular ascents and ski descents last month. Many are doing "Turns all Year"! WAC is such a unique special club,

full of unique fun people with a special interest in the outdoors.

As we all go off in different directions all over the world this summer, (some of us have been gone for a while now) keep an eye on the WAC Calendar on the website www.washingtonalpineclub.org for important dates that you will not want to miss. You can also join the WAC on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_6180692402

On August 11 we will have our annual Summer Party at Guye Cabin from 3pm to 9 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!

Summer is a perfect time to visit our Cabin to relax and enjoy the mountain summer! Plan a party, reunion, class or retreat at Guye Cabin. 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! Saturday, June 16 is the next one. Then July 14, August 11 before the Summer Party, and September 22. The Annual Meeting will be October 21.



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

All of people in the WAC are looking forward to a fantastic summer bringing lasting memories!



Events

Guye Cabin Work Parties (continued from page 1)

Work Party Dates

June 16

July 14

August 11 + Summer Party

September 22

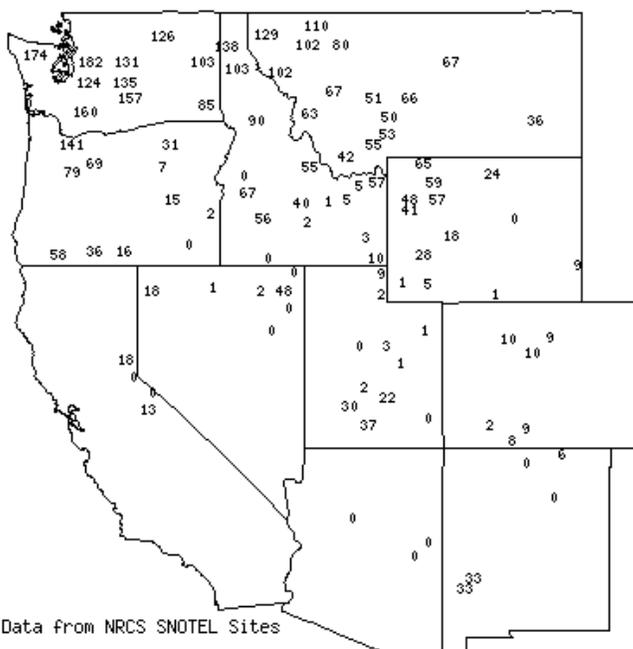
October 21 + Annual Member Meeting



Snowpack Trivia

A couple of images from Cliff Mass <http://cliffmass.blogspot.com/> showing the snowpack percent, and comparison to last year. There is still about six feet of snow at Guye Cabin.

Basin Average Snow Water Content. (% of Average.)



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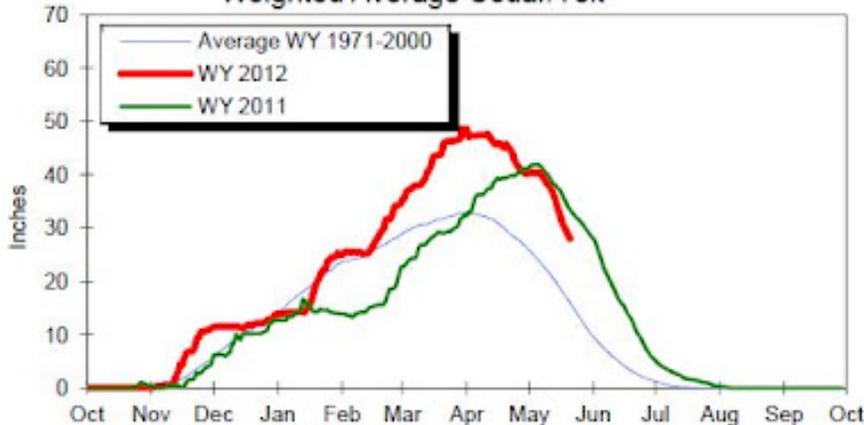
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Provisional Data
Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites

Data provided by
Water and Climate Center
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Portland, Oregon

Western Regional Climate Center
Desert Research Institute
Reno, Nevada

**Cumulative Snowpack (Snow Water Equivalent)
Weighted Average Cedar/Tolt**



The average snow accumulation across the sites that we monitor is estimated to be about 28.1 inches snow water equivalent which is above the long term average for this time of the year.

Events/Guye Cabin



Cabin History

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!

Please check the WAC website! <http://www.wacweb.org/default.view>

Remembering Lee Adams

There are two ways to ensure that Lee's legacy lives on.



1. Donate to the WAC's Lee Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund. This helps reduce the cost of classes and ensures that more people from the WAC can participate and learn skills that enable them to teach and to help others.

2. The Nature Conservancy has set up a fund in memory of Lee Adams, who was a key member and instructor at the WAC for many years. They have worked with his family to set up a fund to benefit forests along the east slopes of the Cascades in Washington. You can be a part and promote Lee's legacy by contributing. You can read more at: <http://nature.org/leadams>



The new WAC technical T's are in!

They are cut very nicely and come in WAC Green, Sunset Orange, Snow Lake Blue or Snoqualmie Pass Granite Gray.

You can pick them up at WAC events, downtown at lunch, in West Seattle at Pat O'Brien's, or at the Annual Meeting.

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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.



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