

EVERETT MOUNTAINEERS ALPINE SCRAMBLING

Dear Scramble Leaders:

The 2004 Scramble Course is now underway, with 43 students currently enrolled. It looks like a very talented and ambitious group of people, and they'll be looking for some interesting scrambles to do once the course is over on May 20th. Past years' graduates will be out looking for trips to do also. And so it's up to you, our trip leaders, to step forward and schedule trips so that everyone can begin making their plans.

Please send your trip listings to me so that I can get them publicized. The deadline for the May Go-Guide is April 10. Remember that in order for a trip to be official it must be listed either in the Go-Guide or on the branch website.

To schedule a trip:

1. Always consult the trip listings on the web site, www.everettmountaineers.org/scrambling/scramble_trips.cfm. This will prevent you from over-scheduling on days that are already booked. If you want to be more thorough, also check the schedules of other branches to make sure you're not double-booking the same peak on the same day.

2. Send your trips along to the Trip Coordinator through any of these ways:

E-mail: alpineandyb@yahoo.com

Phone: (425) 438-9216

Mail: Andy Boos, Trip Coordinator
323 75th St SE #61
Everett, WA 98203

Note that all trips must go through
the Trip Coordinator to be
considered official.

3. I can now post trips directly onto the web site, so in most cases your trips will appear there within a day or two after I receive them. I don't require that you provide all the trip details for me (date and peak are all I really need), but if you want to save me work and increase the likelihood of things being accurate, put the trip listing in a format that conforms as closely as possible to what you see in the Go-Guide. Example from Go-Guide:

Sept. 9, Sat. – Vesper Peak (R-3-3) (USGS Bedal & Silverton/ GT Silverton) 8 mi., 3800' gain. Leader: Martin Mountaineer, 206-555-1212 or e-mail: abc123@internet.com

You can, of course, include additional information, such as pace, party size limits (if less than 8), meeting time & place, etc., if desired.

New information for 2004:

- We have developed new guidelines for the process of mentoring new leaders. There is also an updated version of the Scramble Peaks List and Notes. Please refer to the attached document.
- We have to be careful about having ineligible participants on trips. Leaders must do a better job of verifying each person's eligibility. Also, if you hear of an ineligible participant on any trip, notify the Scramble Committee.
- Every leader should have a copy of the 2004 Revision of the Leader's Handbook. If you don't have a copy, it is available as an attachment to this e-mail.
- Many helpful forms are available on the Scrambling section of the branch website. Click on the "Documents" link, and then choose what you need. The trip report form is available, the list of peaks, and several other things too.
- A new, HUGE, Master Scramble Peaks list is near completion. When it is done, it will be available in a database format on the internet.
- **If you have not led any scrambles since 2000, you will soon be DROPPED from the leader list UNLESS you offer to lead scrambles in 2004. This is your chance to stay active.**

Sincerely,

Andy Boos, Trip Coordinator

Attachments: 2004 Scramble Peaks List & Notes, New Leader/Mentor Process
2004 Revised Leader Handbook
Scramble Leader Roster & 2004 Student Roster