

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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DECEMBER MEETING

December 19 7:00 pm Wednesday, KINCAID OUTDOOR CENTER

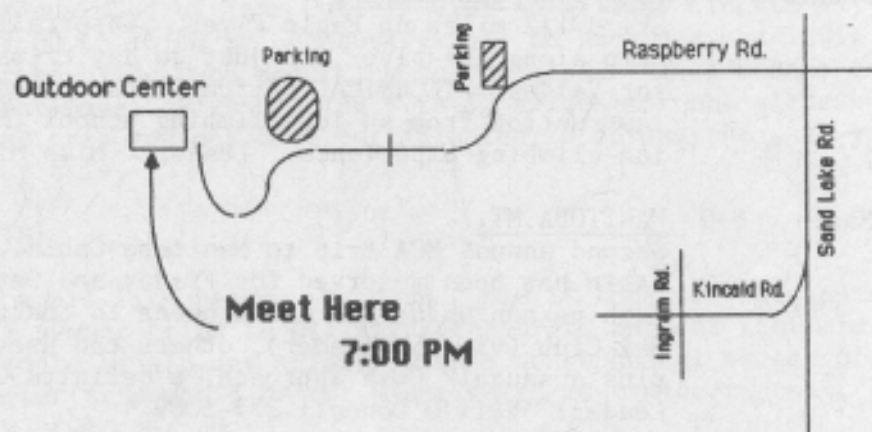
POTLUCK/SLIDE SHOW

There will only be a short business meeting. Most of the evening will be spent eating and looking at slides. The dinner is potluck, and the club will provide turkey, plates, etc. So we are asking everyone to bring something according to the following scheme:

Last name begins with:	Bring:
A-C	Bread
D-H	Desert
I-N	Vegetables
O-Z	Salad

The slide show will be provided by members as well. Bring in your favorite slides from the past year or so (about 10-20 or so), to share with us. Here is a map of where Kincaid is, in case you don't know where it is. If you have questions, call Alan Julliard, 243-3816.

KINCAID / PT. CAMPBELL OUTDOOR CENTER



HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

- Dec 21-22 FLATTOP SOLSTICE
 Traditional overnighiter to watch the days get longer. Hike up after work, bring headlamp, ice axe, shovel, hot thermos, warm sleeping bag, bivi sack or tent, all the usual winter stuff. No meeting place prior to trip, meet on top. Class B.
 Leader: Willy Hersman 338-5132
- Dec 29 -
 Jan 1 MINT HUT
 9 1/2 miles one way to the hut, leave early from Anchor town. Hopefully a trail will be broken prior to the trip. Need headlamp, skis, skins, shovel, all the usual winter stuff.
 Leader: Willy Hersman 338-5132
- January 17 BEACON PRACTICE
 Search demonstration and practice with avalanche beacons. Bring shovels and beacons if you have them (the club has some beacons). There may be races held, too. Meet 7:30 pm, Kincaid Chalet.
 Leader: Mike Miller 248-2299
- Jan 19-20 MCA X-C WEEKEND HATCHER PASS
 For training and fun. Telemarking, ski mountaineering, track skiing, snow shelters. Night sessions of instruction. We are reserving the Mine Building (fee to be announced). Limit 25.
 Leader: Karen Cafmeyer 345-7546
- 24 INDIAN PASS NIGHT SKI
 Carpool down to Indian after work, ski the trail to Indian Pass. headlamp, skis, skins, warm clothes. Easy trail. Class A.
 Leader: Mike Miller 248-2299
- 27 PORTAGE PASS ANNUAL
 Superbowl Sunday. Ski across Portage Lake, over Portage Pass to beautiful downtown Whittier to watch the football game. Take the train back the same day (\$5.00 fare). Keep in touch with leader just prior to trip, as the lake conditions can change. Class A.
 Leader: Ken Farmer 562-7919
- February 2-3 ECHO BEND ICE WEEKEND
 Ski 3 1/2 miles up Eagle River. Waterfall ice, grades II - V. Camp along the river, or just do day trips if desired. Warm up for Valdez. TECHNICAL: Fifth Class. Need at least previous instruction from an ice-climbing school (MCA or other), or ice-climbing experience. Leader: Mike Miller 248-2299
- March 8-9 MANITOBA MT.
 Second annual MCA trip to Manitoba Cabin, near Summit Lakes. The cabin has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Sleeps 10. Each person using the cabin needs to contribute \$5.00 to the Nordic Ski Club (via the leader), others can use a tent. Great skiing plus a sauna! Cush approach, a definite Class A.
 Leader: Neil O'Donnell 274-5069

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was held on the 21st at the Pioneer Schoolhouse. New club officers were introduced and the incoming President gave a rousing acceptance speech, borrowing heavily from Abraham Lincoln. New members stood up and were introduced.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u>	Money Market - \$ 938.21
	Checking Acct - 579.93
	Petty Cash - 52.10
	Total \$1570.24

The Treasurer would like to remind all that dues are due NOW.

COMMITTEES:

Hiking and Climbing. The committee will meet at Karen's house on Tuesday, Nov. 27th to plan a year-round trip and training schedule. We need a chairperson to head this committee which we would like to tier with sub-committees to cater to specific areas of interest, skiing, backpacking, climbing, kayaking, etc.) We need leaders to offer trips and are especially interested in increasing our extended trips and workshops.

The most important thing we need, however, is people to participate in the outings. We are anxious to get as much input from club members as possible to determine where interests lie and encourage everyone to fill our and send in the activity questionnaires.

We are planning to publish a directory of club members and their interests which will serve as a directory for finding people to participate in unannounced trips. Eventually we will establish a card catalog at AMH for this purpose.

Parks Advisory. Ken Zafren remarked that money had been denied to expand Hilltop.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The club's annual End of Year Potluck will be held at Kincaid on December 19th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. A turkey will be provided and it is requested that everyone bring food according to the alphabetical scheme shown in Scree, on the front page. Please bring 6 to 12 slides for the slideshow. They can be about any trip you may have participated in during the past year. And don't forget your skis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dan O'Haire would like people to contact him if they are interested in late spring/early summer trips to Mt. Augustine or to Sargent Icefield. The Augustine trip would be a 3-day affair, with a nontechnical ascent of 4000 feet. The glacier trip would be for experienced mountaineers only. His telephone is on back of Scree.

The traditional Flattop Solstice is to be held on the weekend of December 21st. See trip schedule.

Neil O'Donnell presented a signed photo display to ERA for their help with the huts this summer. Accepting was Lambert De Gavere.

Patches are available at club meetings for those people recognized by Neil in his letter in the Scree.

Fifth Ave. Show Repair was mentioned as a source for resoling plastic boots, bunny boots, rock shoes, etc.

We are planning a trial meeting place change for the first six months of 1991. We will still meet at the Pioneer Schoolhouse, but will be meeting in the basement instead of the top floor. Please note that the basement is not the floor below the present meeting place, but is actually below the ground level, with its own separate entrance. Among the reasons for this change is the darkness available during the summer. (Only in Alaska...)

The slide show enjoyed by all was of the Tusk, Lake Clark National Park.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Baum

ALASKA MOUNTAIN SAFETY CENTER, INC. and the ALASKA AVALANCHE SCHOOL 1990-91 SCHEDULE

Date	No./Name Workshop	Location	Cost*
12/15	1. Avalanche Hazard Recognition	U of A, Anchorage, Library, R. 118	\$ 18
1/11-13	2. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. Workshop	Ski Bowl, Mt. Hood, Oregon	\$165**
1/19-21	3. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. Workshop	Toklat Chalet, Aspen, Colorado	\$250***
2/8(e)-10	4. Special Snow Studies Workshop	Talkeetna-Kenai Mts.	\$115
2/15-18	5. Comp. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Resc. Tech.	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$195
2/23-24	6. A Weekend with Ed LaChapelle	Talkeetna-Kenai Mts.	\$105
3/1-3	7. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. Workshop	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$165
3/6(e),3/9-12	8. Safe Glacier Travel Workshop, Level I	Anch.(e), Matanuska Glacier, Chugach Mts.	\$205****
3/9-10	9. The Art of Snow Shelter Construction	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$ 70****
3/14-17	10. Comp. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Resc. Tech.	Thompson Pass, Chugach Mts.	\$195****
3/20(e),3/22-24	11. Safe Glacier Travel Workshop, Level II	Anch.(e), Matanuska Glacier, Chugach Mts.	\$190
4/19-21	12. Technical Mountaineering Skills Workshop	Turnagain Arm, Chugach Mts.	\$185
5/17-20	13. Ocean Kayaking Skills Workshop	Resurrection Bay, Seward	\$195
Open	Custom Workshops for your Organization	Open	Open

Abbreviation: (e) = evening session

* Cost does not include required reading materials, food, or travel but in some cases, does include accommodations (see below).

** This workshop is sponsored by the Portland Mt. Rescue Group. For information & registration locally, call (503) 668-6027.

*** This workshop is co-sponsored by the Alfred A. Braun Hut System and Toklat Chalet. Cost includes room & board. For information & registration locally, call (303) 920-8525.

**** The dates of these workshops coincide with the University of Alaska's and the Anchorage public school system's spring break.