

Welcome to the 2010-11 Wilderness Trekkers outdoor adventure.

We are pleased to welcome you to our organization and hope you will take advantage of the WT events and activities. Events are posted on the web site, as is other useful information like the "Join Us" page.

Wilderness Trekkers was founded in 1996 by dedicated people wanting to share with others the experience of hiking, backpacking, biking and paddling. WT is a strictly volunteer organization. Our hosts are volunteers that take a special interest in the fun of the activities, and are willing to plan and prepare a trip so everyone can enjoy themselves in the company of like-minded outdoor folks. "Wilderness Companions are Chosen Company"

Most of our communication is performed via the web site. The home page has up to date notices, recent special interest and membership experiences. The "Upcoming Trips" links to the current calendar of events. Events are planned in 2-month increments. The on-line calendar is published about the 20th of the month before. We also include future events, to give you lots of notice on great things coming up. Some hosts hold annual events to their favorite places like Rock Springs, Santa Fe, and Peace River.

If an event is new to you, say overnight camping or a paddle trip, it is best to give the event host a phone call, introduce yourself as a member (whether new or old), and get a little insight about the event, what to expect, and what to bring. Most activities require an RSVP. All participants are required to sign the sign-in and limit of liability form before the event begins.

We also communicate via emails. As soon as the new calendar is posted, an email notice is sent to all members with the calendar announcement and some interesting or news worthy items. Sometimes, an additional email is sent to share time sensitive information. If you signed up for paper copies of the calendar to be USPS mailed to you, we try to have them in the mail by the 21st. You should hear from us every two months, at least. If you are not receiving the general emails and/or your paper calendars, let us know, so we will fix it.

The web site also has a members Message Board where you can list equipment for sale and "wanted". Hosts often post impromptu trips (one's that aren't in the Calendar) on the Board, so check it regularly. Members can also post a buddy request for other members to meet or to share transportation.

Something that might pique your interest in trips is to visit our "Trip Reports" page. This page will lead you to individual statewide locations where events have taken place in the past 5 years. Most of the more recent trips include pictures, so you can get a glimpse of the fun and the environment to look forward to.

The Wilderness Trekkers can also take pride in the fact that we have a few passionate members who hold kayak safety skills sessions on a regular basis. These sessions range from basic safety concerns to rescue techniques and paddle skills. Please take advantage of these, as safety is a primary factor in an enjoyable experience..

As a new member, we recommend two events. New Member orientation(s) are held once a quarter and the Annual Gathering is in November. New Member orientation is typically a morning session where leaders provide a little history, and details about member's responsibilities, before leading a short event. The Annual Gathering is a weekend long event where all membership is joined together in friendship, events and stories. It is a memorable time and a great way to meet and make friendships. Check out the web link to the 2009 and 2008 Annual Gathering.

If you have a real passion for the outdoors, you should consider becoming an event host. Our Past Calendars web page covers 10 years to past events. Maybe you would like to take that adventure? Maybe you can help make it happen! Speak to any of our event hosts or Board members about becoming a trip host.

Again, I would like to thank you for joining WT. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at cagola1@aol.com. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Ann at annie@aug.com

Looking forward to seeing you out there on a trip,
Clark Getz
President, Wilderness Trekkers and the rest of the board