



## Inter-Mountain Alpine Club

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Tri-Cities, Washington

The Inter-Mountain Alpine Club (I-MAC) was organized in October 1948 to bring together those of us who find particular pleasure in shaking the dust of civilization from our boots and hitting the high country trails whenever the opportunity arises.

Our primary purpose is to encourage the enjoyment of the outdoors and to promote hiking, mountain climbing, cross country skiing and other activities. We also hope to provide the stimulus and opportunity for the beginner to enjoy the unique satisfaction that comes from attaining the heights under their own power and to gain a deeper appreciation of Mother Nature as a result of knowing her first hand.

We welcome guests on all club trips. Anyone wishing to take part only needs to register with the trip leader. But register in time, most trips require registration 3 or more days in advance! Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or be sponsored by a club member who accompanies them.

Membership is open to anyone 18 years old or over, who shall be in expressed sympathy with the aims and objectives of the club, shall agree to abide by its rules and regulations, and shall try to uphold the tenets of good sportsmanship on the trail and elsewhere. To become a member you must submit an application to the Membership Chairman along with the appropriate dues. An application can be obtained from trip leaders or downloaded from the I-MAC web site by following the link on the Membership page.

The annual dues are \$14 per person or \$20 per couple. Those applying for membership after July 1 pay half the annual dues; those after November 1 pay no dues for that year. A \$5 reduction is allowed if you elect to receive our newsletter, The Yodeler, by email only (\$2.50 after July 1<sup>st</sup>)

The Yodeler list the upcoming hikes, climbs, cross-country ski trips, socials and other events as well as reports of past activities. The Yodeler keeps members up-to-date on all club doings and is mailed monthly. The Yodeler is included with membership.

Practice good conduct. Behave at all times in a manner that will reflect favorably on I-MAC and on the sports of mountaineering, hiking or cross-country skiing. Abide by all laws, Forest and Park Service regulations, and show good sportsmanship.

Practice no-trace travel and camping; pack out all garbage. Illegal substances and excessive alcohol consumption are not allowed. Please leave your pets at home.

A trip charge will be made for all club trips except social events. This fee is \$1 for members. Non-members pay \$2 for one-day trips and \$4 for longer trips. Trip fees are waived for full-time students and those 17 and under. An additional rope fee of \$2 per person will be collected on all climbing trips. For rock climbing practices, there is an all inclusive fee of \$10 for non-members (\$5 if they provide their own harnesses).

The club encourages car-pooling and we reimburse the drivers for their expenses. The rate is \$.08 per mile per passenger in the motor vehicle. Other transportation fees (bridge tolls, trail park permits, etc.) will be divided equally among all participants (passengers and drivers). The trip leader will collect the money and distribute it to the drivers.

The club uses the following designations to rate our events:

### HIKING

**DH** - Day Hike    **CC** - Car Camp    **BP** - Backpack

- 1 - Less than 6 miles and 2000 ft. elevation gain per day.
- 2 - Less than 12 miles and 3000 ft. elevation gain per day.
- 3 - More than 12 miles or more than 3000 ft. elevation gain per day.

### CLIMBING

**G** - Glacier    **R** - Rock    **S** - Snow

- 0 - No experience needed. This is a training class.
- 1 - Minimum experience, ample opportunity for instruction.
- 2 - Moderate experience, a good opportunity for instruction.
- 3 - Advanced levels of experience, little opportunity for instruction.
- 4 - Must be entirely self-sufficient. No instruction provided.

### Winter Activities

**SS** - Snowshoe

- 1 Suitable for first timers, less than 5 miles and 500 feet elevation gain.
- 2 5 to 8 miles long or 500 to 1500 feet elevation gain.
- 3 More than 8 miles or 1500 ft. elevation gain

**XC** - Cross Country Skiing

- 0 Beginner's. No skills required. Training provided.
- 1 Advanced Beginner: Less than 6 miles and less than 500' elevation gain. Minimal stopping and turning skills are necessary.
- 2 Intermediate: 6 to 11 miles and less than 1500' elevation gain. Stopping and turning, skills are important.
- 3 Advanced: More than 11 miles, or greater than 1500' elevation gain. Stopping and turning skills are a must.
- 4 Mountaineer: Requires leader approval. Could include over night outings requiring full packs.

Socials events are designated by FFF.

For more information, please call (509) 545-1311 or see <http://www.imacnw.org>