



Mount Shasta / Mount Hood VFTT West Coast Expedition

HPC Newsletter



Hello Everyone!

It's been a quite week in Lake Wobegon...oops wrong story. Actually it has been a quite week here which provides me more time to build the HPC site and do some more research into all my trips.

It looks like we will add some new members for the Shasta event. Everyone that responded to the question about allowing more than 12 on Shasta has responded "Yes".

I am proposing that we change to four 4-person teams. One caveat, I looked over the rules and regulations for the Bunny Flat / West Face Gully routes and found no restrictions on group size. I'll verify that by calling the rangers there.

The Poll Results:

We had 10 participants in our event poll the top two choices were to keep to the original itinerary climbing Shasta first, followed by Hood, and add in a itinerary for climbing Mount Adams.

Last summer I worked out a plan to climb Mount Adams so most of my research is already done. Within the next few weeks, I will add to the event a full planning guide for Mount Adams. Not everyone will be involved with this climb as some members will be out on rivers trying to drown themselves.

Mount Adams is a day hike and I see no issues, other than a bad weather day, that would prevent a group from going up.

Mount Hood Update:

Speaking of Mount Hood, I did a silly thing last week. I bought tickets to go out there and try for a summit bid solo December 9-11. I land into Portland around 9 pm and then I'll drive to Timberline Lodge and start hiking up that same evening. I'll carry full gear (tents, stoves, etc) to setup a camp just above the Palmer Ski area. Then shoot straight for the summit. I have always wanted to be there in winter, I guess this is the year.

January 6-8 Seward Range

I would like to invite everyone for a full pack excursion into the Seward Range. I plan on the Caulkins Brook approach and add in a real bushwhack between Seward and Seymour. Any takers, contact me. - Ed