

# EXPLORER POST 58



## DRESS FOR SUCCESS

### What to wear, when.

You're frantically packing for that mountain climbing trip tomorrow! But you're stumped: you don't know what wear for the physical, outdoorsy occasion. Jeans? Probably not? Fish-net tights? No?

At this month's general meeting we will hear from popular Post advisor Laura Laney. She'll give you the low-down on what to wear & not when on Post trips. A Post member who is secretly a model will sport Laura's looks (Hint: SCRUFFY SENIOR BOY). **Monday January 9th, 7:00PM, Lincoln High School (ROOM 122).**

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### FEBRUARY SNOWSHOE TRIP:

Our annual Snowshoeing trip on Mt. Hood and in the Mazamas Lodge is fast approaching! Quoted from more than many, "the best trip of the year," this enormously fun weekend getaway includes snow-cave building, snowshoeing up a miniature mountain, card games and more! Be sure to mark your calendars for February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Check out our website!

As outdoor-orientated as the Post 58 is, we do have a website. You can find photos from years past, download the newsletter (incase this copy is misplaced!), and view upcoming trips. it's spiffy-looking: [post58.org](http://post58.org)

# The month's happenings...

(what will you be doing, Harrison Wallace?)

## JANUARY 2012

\*Post member birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 General Mtg. 7PM Lincoln HS Room 122	10	11 *Chris Reimann *Gordon Hickey	12	13 *Ellen Ivan	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 *Martin Agrimis	21 Service Project @ Regency Park 10AM-2PM
22 Bakesale NE Circuit 11-3PM Rock Gym Night PRG 3-5PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
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### Coming Up:

\*We had a blast in December playing card games, Sequence and more while rivaling against & teaming up with the old folks. That's why this month's service project will be at Regency Park once again! Sign ups will be at the meeting. Hope to see you at the poker table on the 21st from 10AM-2PM!

\*If you like bouldering & super hip boulderers come help out with the month's fundraiser at the Northeast Circuit! We'll sell baked goods to hungry hipsters to munch on after they're finished climbing. It'll be a good time from 11-3PM.

## **Rock Gym Night**

Rock Gym Night will be on Sunday, January 22nd at the Portland Rock Gym! From 3-5PM all types (beginner, intermediate, ect.) of climbers can expect “world-class” top-rope climbing. Our own Jack Schrott is even offering a brief technique & style seminar, where those new to climbing can hone their climbing.

## **Spring Break (climbing) Trip!**

The annual spring break climbing trip this year will be at Alabama Hills, where we’ll spend seven days climbing in the (hopeful) California sun. The trip will run from March 24th to April 1st. Interest forms can be picked up at this month’s meeting! So check & mark your calendars for this week of rock climbing galore.

## **NIGHT Skiing and Boarding**

On January 21st a group of Postees will head up to Mt. Hood for some night skiing and snowboarding. (Of course, there will be lights guiding you down slopes.) Members will meet up at 1:30PM in the Lovejoy parking lot. Trip expenses will account for gas money, and you’ll purchase you own life ticket. After an evening of skiing with friends and dinner on the drive home, trip-goers can expect to return by 11PM. Signs ups will be at the meeting, and we’d love for you to join us!

## **YVON CHOUINARD: YOSEMITE’S FINEST BY BO KNOBLAUCH**

Over the years, climbing equipment and knowledge has improved greatly. Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, has had a great influence on the way modern-day climbers pursue great heights. With many first ascents under his belt, Chouinard continues to be an acknowledgeable outdoorsman and executive.

Born in 1938, Chouinard grew up in Southern California. He was introduced to rock climbing while participating in the Southern California Falconry Club, which he founded. His climbing partners included Royal Robbins, Tom Frost, and Chuck Pratt. Chouinard climbed in Yosemite frequently, and became a legend to the area, climbing the first ascent of The North American Wall on El Capitan. He began to make his own climbing gear, and sold pitons (spikes that were hammered into cracks to aid climbers). Chouinard is most noted for the invention of hexes, a type of nut used for lead-climbing protection. With gear being manufactured by hand, Chouinard founded Chouinard Equipment, and later Patagonia, reinventing outdoor apparel with an environmental outlook. Yvon Chouinard seeks adventure to this day, and continues to be a voice in environmental activism. Watch the documentary *180 Degrees South* to learn more about Yvon Chouinard.



## **WINTER IN YOSEMITE BY COOPER LAZAR**

During the first week of winter break the Post took a climbing trip down to Yosemite. Our group bonded and got along great. To our surprise, the sun stayed out the entire trip, and we never saw a drop of snow or rain (even though it was subzero the whole time).

Luckily for us the cold had driven away all the climbers who would have packed the areas we went to. The areas we climbed at are so popular that

climbers have worn down rough granite into polished slabs. The climbs were mostly cracks, and there were some slab/friction climbs thrown in there, too. Undoubtedly everyone learned something about outdoor crack-climbs (for several it was their first time doing so). Sadly, there was very little multi-pitching on this trip.

The trip was a great success; everyone had lots of fun top-roping, leading, belaying, sitting around the fire, and riding in the van.

