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Calendar

October 1 7:00pm <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Training: **Unit Medical Equipment** by

Jeremy Adolf.

October 6 9:00am <u>BENTON COUNTY MULTI-UNIT EXERCISE</u>

October 16 7:00pm TRAINEE UPDATE AND GEAR CIRCUS

October 17 5:30am CORVALLIS SKI SWAP at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Setup and consignment Thursday 5:30am-9pm, **Consignment** Friday 9am-5pm; **Sale** Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-6pm;

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20 **Inventory** Saturday night, **Return** equipment Sunday 9am-6pm.

October 28 7:00pm <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>

November 5 7:00pm <u>UNIT MEETING</u> – Elections. Training: **Local Geography** by *Joy Linn*.

November 16 9:00am SKILLS WORKSHOP by Anne Greenwood

November 20 7:00pm TRAINING SESSION -- COMMAND POST ORGANIZATION & OPERATION

by Susan Leach

November 25 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

<u>AUGUST FIELD TRAINING</u> – revisited

To view a very nice write-up about this event, visit: http://cmru.peak.org/jack/tfj2.html to see the multimedia presentation created by Iain Morris.

SEPTEMBER TRAINING EVENTS – revisited

Joint OMRC Practice Search: We had three in the field on Saturday and four on Sunday. I was told by EMR (I was only there on Sun. so I was w/ an EMR member) that Susan was extremely helpful as radio relay from Obsidian on Saturday. Matt, Nate, and Keith put in many hours searching on Saturday and down lower on Sunday. I was coming in expecting to just pack stuff out from Arrowhead Lake, but wound up jaunting up to the saddle between North and Middle Sisters to lower down a gully on the east side of Middle. Thanks to Nate for lending me crampons, ice axe, and harness, and Matt for his prusiks. The gully was constantly raked by rockfall, so we could only belay out to an overlook to get a look. An EMR team had spotted something down in the gully on Saturday, but could not glass it with confidence. The theory was Corwin slipped on the short, steep icy spot on the north ridge of Middle, which could send him down the east gully onto some ledges below.

By Iain Morris

Ice Practice: Thanks to Nate, Aaron, Keith, and Matt for making the long trek up to Cloud Cap for our on snow glacier and ice practice. We traveled out of the parking lot at precisely 0930 after Keith pulled in with his McDees bag for lunch (Lindsay your dietary habits are rubbing off). At ~1115 we arrived at the glacier for some roped team travel practice. It went very well in spite of the conditions. The glacier is opened up quite a bit and with conditions as they were it was a little sketchy in places. After that we traveled over to the ice where we saw Iain just before he was ready to leave. He gave us some tips on ice screw placement and left his ice tools for us to play with (thanks Iain!) and we continued to "practice" for a few more hours. Next time you see Nate (and Matt and Aaron) I think you will find three excited budding new ice climbers in the making.

By Jim Dagata

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<u>SKI SWAP</u> – advertising

It is time for the **Corvallis Ski Swap**. This is our single fundraising event of the year so we need to make it good. Beginning the first of October, there are posters to distribute and post. You can find a poster to download at the CMRU website (http://www.cmru.peak.org) and click on the link for the Ski Swap. There will be more information (and posters) available at the Unit Meeting.

BENTON COUNTY MULTI-AGENCY PRACTICE – search

This Saturday, October 6th, Benton County is planning a practice search in the McDonald Forest area. Each of the other Benton County SAR teams will participate to practice their own special discipline. Since we did not have a representative at the Benton County SAR Council meeting last month, we just found out about the practice within the last week. CMRU will probably not participate as a unit, however, if members wish to attend and observe the operation you could certainly do so as an individual. The exercise will commence with the setup of basecamp at the Oak Creek entrance to McDonald Forest at 0900 and will conclude with a "potluck" at the Benton County Fairgrounds at 1430.