



## Hi Everett Mountaineers,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the fabulous fall weather. The autumn colors are spectacular - perfect for adventures in the mountains.

This newsletter highlights some of our branch's events, courses, activities, and amazing volunteers. Remember, you can check out all our offerings at [mountaineers.org/Everett](http://mountaineers.org/Everett).

Do you have a story to share? Our branch is full of tales of adventure, personal triumph, lesson learned, and generous mentors. Sharing these stories helps us celebrate what it means to be a Mountaineer. In particular, we'd love to feature a profile of an inspirational Everett branch member. See Future Submissions below for more information!

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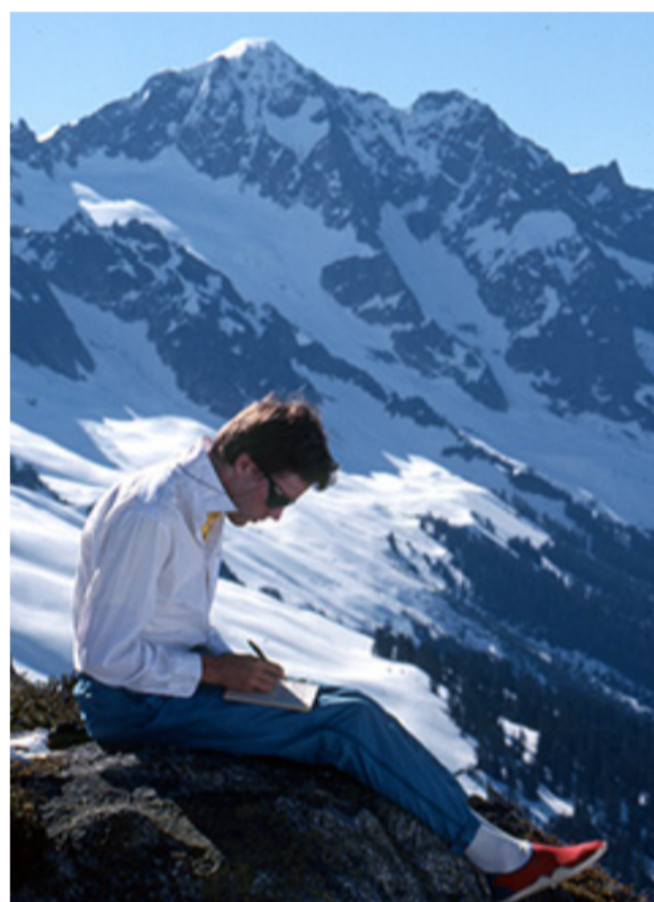
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## Branch Governance

**IT IS TIME TO VOTE!** The Mountaineer Program Center has distributed an electronic ballot to the membership. Three important items are on it.

1. We will be electing the following **Branch Officers** for two year terms: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Branch Director will be elected to a three year term as provided by the Mountaineer ByLaws.
2. The membership will also be asked to review and approve the **2016 Amendments to the Branch Rules of Governance**. The Branch Executive Committee and all of the branch members, who attended a special meeting on September 7, recommended that the proposed Amendments be approved.
3. The membership will also be voting for five **At-Large Directors**. They represent the Mountaineer membership as a whole, whereas, Branch Directors represent each of the seven branches.

**The deadline for voting is Friday, October 21.** You should have received a ballot by email on October 1. If you did not (some browser filters don't like our email - check your spam box), you can still vote by going to the [Everett Elections Blog](#).



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## Branch Banquet

### Annual Awards Banquet | Sat, Nov 5

Join us for our annual branch celebration! Guest speaker Lowell Skoog - a distinguished climber, skier, writer, and photographer - will regale us with stories of adventure. Skoog is an alpine visionary, known for making the first attempt of the "American Alps Traverse," a 100-mile odyssey through the North Cascades.

We will also honor our 2016 course graduates and award recipients. This fun, annual event is part of the fabric of our branch, allowing members to see old friends and make new ones. Let's have a big turnout! Tickets must be purchased in advance. [Buy tickets.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Leader Resources Seminar | Wed, Oct 19

Tess Wendel from the Mountaineer Program Center will discuss improvements made in leader support over the past few years. These are valuable leader and committee resources that can help our activities and programs. Topics include new ways to recruit volunteers, marketing tips, adding routes to the website, web updates, and incident reports. All Everett Branch leaders (wanabies, newbies, and seasoned veterans) should attend this seminar. We have 11 sign-ups already! [RSVP.](#)

### Winter Course Night | Wed, Nov 2

Don't let winter escape! This event will showcase the season's upcoming courses. Representatives from our avalanche, climbing, scrambling, skiing and snowshoeing programs will be on hand to make presentations and field questions. If you attended any of our courses last winter consider retaking it to practice and reinforce skills or take another course. Encourage friends and co-workers to attend as well. [Event details.](#)



Salmon Bake attendees enjoy the view at Canyon Creek

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## Salmon Bake a Success

We added another chapter to the storied history of the Everett Branch with the completion of The Annual Salmon Bake on October 2. This event has been held on a yearly basis for decades. One senior Everett Branch member attended 48 of them. Last Sunday, the sun shone down through massive evergreens onto our gathering at the Masonic Park just off the Mountain Loop Highway east of Granite Falls. Everyone enjoyed delicious salmon - slow cooked over alder firewood - sweet corn, baked potatoes, and desserts. After dinner, old and new Mountaineers enjoyed a hike along Canyon Creek with some youngsters unable to resist wading in the water. We had a larger turnout this year and are hoping for an even bigger one next year. Remember, it is always on the first Sunday in October.