

Backpacking Trip

August 1-10 plus other earlier dates

Purpose: This will be an approximately 94 mile hike meant for people who would like to backpack around Mt. Rainier on the famous Wonderland Trail! There are three mandatory practice hikes, and everyone coming on the trip will need to come on at least two. The July trip is mandatory and you can choose whether to come on the April or June trip. These are a time to learn about backpacking if you don't have much experience and for the group to figure out gear, etc.

Chaperones/drivers: We have two advisors who are hiking with us: Mrs. Knighton and Mr. Walton.

MAC members: This trip is open to any Venturing members who are interested. Again, you must be able to come on all practice hikes. There is only space for 10 members to come. Sign ups on the Mountaineer's website will be first come, first served. Contact Becca (beccap@mountaineers.org) if you are having issues signing up.

Practice Hikes Dates:

April 26-27

June 28/29

July 23/24

Full Hike: Aug 1-10: Around the Wonderland Trail. We will know an approximate itinerary now, and will know an exact one in June.

Gear to bring: Use the master packing list (on the MAC website). See Rebecca or Carolyn for more information.

Notes: This will be a very strenuous trip and you should plan on doing conditioning in addition to the practice hikes. You should be running, biking, hiking, doing stairs, etc at least for at least an hour a day four times a week as we get nearer to the trip.