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First RUOC General Meeting of Fall Semester

The first General meeting of the fall 06/07 semester was a complete success. The Shed on Livingston Campus was packed with 50+ interested students. Many people enjoyed wandering around the shed checking out equipment, playing Frisbee, talking with new and old friends, and hearing what the Outdoors Club has to offer.

Introduction by Melissa RUOC President:

RUOC is a wonderful club with no pressure. You can make the club what ever you like. If you simply want to join to have access to great gear or check out different trips offered by the club it is up to you.

- General Meetings will be held every Wednesday in the Shed at 9:00pm.
- Club Dues are \$10 per semester. It is a one time membership fee. Once paid you can check out any of the equipment, use the rock wall and many other shed. Don't forget going on exciting club trips for a nominal fee.
- Introduction of 06/07 officers and faculty advisor
- Trip Signup

Semester trip Schedule and sign up for up and coming trips: Signup for many trips took place with an amazing interest by new and fellow RUOCers!! Check out the website for complete trip details and to contact trip leader with any questions. Space is limited on some trips so ACT FAST!!! Pay your deposit and reserve your space on trips you want to attend!!!

- Members are encouraged to go on trips and fully enjoy experiences with RUOC.
- Trips are for everyone and anyone- no experience required- for a small fee.
- If members would like to go on a trip that is not offered they can talk to an officer about Co-leading a trip. All ideas are welcome!!!
- Many more great trips are planned throughout the semester. Signup for other trips will also take place at Wednesday night meetings as the Dates get closer.
- Rick- our faculty advisor would like to lead weekend group running. The day could include; a nice morning run, bird watching, and brunch. No dates are set, so watch the website for details. This could be a great way to start your weekends, check out fall foliage, and get some exercise.

Graduate Student and more experience based trips:

- It was made aware that there is a growing interest in the club by graduate students. The club is for everyone! All are welcome!!
- There is an interest in trips for Grad students or more experienced based trips. This is a new Idea which the club is willing to support.

- Many of our current club trips are geared for first time members and beginners to the wonderful outdoors!! RUOC teaches many skills required for safe outdoor experiences.
- If there is an interest in other trips that demand more knowledge of the outdoors please contact one of the officers.

X-Country Skiing

- The Shed is packed with Cross country ski gear. As the summer turns to fall with winter around the corner the club will add x-country skiing to the line up of trips. More info will be posted as the snow starts to fly!! Think Snow! Or e-mail Jessica for skiing information.

Future meetings

Many of the Wednesday meetings will have much to offer. Officers and members who would like to share knowledge of the outdoors or skills will be teaching fellow members.

- Activities including but not limited to: instruction for proper tent set up, the do's and don'ts of back packing, wilderness first aid, rope handling skills, equipment introduction and care.
- Ideas from members are welcome- topics will vary and change weekly.