

# UTHRs Trip Checklist

## Pre-Trip Planning

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Times: \_\_\_\_\_ Carpool Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you:

- Acquired the necessary maps (and GPS route coordinate, if applicable)
- Acquired the phone # of the county sheriff or park ranger (check your map). You *must* carry this number during your trip in case of an emergency (you can also call 911).
- Researched 1) the best access; 2) the best route for conditions expected
- Identified 1) an alternative route; 2) a bail out route if conditions change
- Obtained all necessary permits  
\*Point of departure/access \*Individual/group parking permits \*Route/site camping permits
- Acquired Trip List (on-line or from the clubhouse). Make sure everyone (guests too) has signed The Waiver. If not, they **can not** participate. Signing waivers at the trailhead is not acceptable.
- Placed add on Website and in Go Guide (must be done by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the trip)
- Identified any group gear to be shared or special individual equipment needs

**IMPORTANT:** Leave trip details, plus a roster of participants and emergency contact numbers with someone responsible. If Mountaineers trip, give them the Mountaineers emergency number (206) 335-0566. If non-Mountaineers, give them the phone number of the county sheriff or park ranger.

## Communication

How can the participants contact you (home phone, cell phone, e-mail)? Provide this information in your add along with a deadline if you are not available up until the start time of the trip.

Did you tell the participants (via Mountaineers web-site or Go Guide):

- Skill level required
- Exact destination
- Dates/times out & returning
- Required Maps
- Mileage/Gain
- Required Gear
- Amount of money for food, carpooling, permits, etc.
- Party Size
- Carpool location
- Potential post-trip gathering for a meal

## At the Trailhead

- ❖ Introduce yourself (co-leader) & first aid leader, have participants introduce themselves
- ❖ Do a quick visual check for appropriate gear. If a participant doesn't look prepared, discretely talk to him/her. You can usually scrounge up extra gear from other participants if necessary.
- ❖ Discuss your expectations for the trip (pace, group staying together, waiting at intersections and water crossings, identify a rear guard, etc.)
- ❖ Agree on breaks and turn around times

## During the Trip

- ❖ Since UTHRS is socially oriented you should strive to keep the group together
- ❖ Watch the weather for changes
- ❖ Assess participants' condition
- ❖ Turn around at scheduled time

## At the End of the Trip

- ❖ All cars should depart at the same time (make sure all cars start before leaving)
- ❖ Identify the restaurant if a post-trip stop is happening
- ❖ Check in with your local contact person