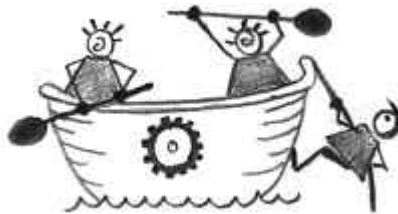


The BARK

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Sharing adventure
in the outdoors
a.k.a
"Getting Lost Together"

Raid World Championship Qualifier Coming to Bend !

First there was the Wild Juniper Berry, now the Raid! Bend is quickly becoming a hotspot for adventure racing. Professional racers in the know have already discovered that our mountains and rivers are perfect training grounds. We are home to Team Montrail's Justin Wadsworth (whom we want to thank warmly for his wonderful presentation to BARK last month), Team Earthlink's Kerry Classen and retired pro Cathy Sassin. Not to mention Pacific Northwest powerhouse, Team BARK! Now the race directors of the most prestigious race in the sport have discovered the charms of Bend as well.

This article is reprinted from Bend.com:

February 4 - PORTLAND, MAINE – Saga d'Aventures, the producers of the Raid World Championship and its qualifying world tour the X-adventures Raid Series, and Aura360 are proud to announce the location of the North American stage to be held in Bend, Oregon, June 11-13.

Bend will serve as the North America qualifier for the Raid World Championship and be the second stop of the five-stage series. Other qualifying stops for the Raid World Championship, to be held in Argentina November 29-December 5, include Morocco, France/Italy, and Australia.

The X-adventure Raid Series:

- The only global circuit of adventure racing events, with identical rules, format and management.
- 50 co-ed teams per event covering over 200km of mixed terrain
- 30 teams qualify for Raid World Championship

The X-adventure Raid Series event will feature approximately 50 co-ed teams of four who will traverse over 200 kilometers across varied outdoor terrain. Teams will navigate their way through the course over a two-day period on mountain bikes, canoes, skis, in-line skates, and on foot. The course is kept a secret from competitors until just before the race, when pre-designated checkpoint locations are released to the teams.

Bend was selected for its wide variety of challenging terrain, ranging from the volcanic-formed Cascade mountain range to the beautiful Deschutes River, numerous lakes, desert terrain and

miles of single-track in Ponderosa pine forests.

The Raid World Championship:

- An equitable global qualifying system
- The World's 30 top teams
- An innovative and technical race course
- A stunning and challenging venue: Argentina, and the Patagonian lakes and mountains around San Martin de Los Andes

"We're thrilled to organize the North American leg of the X-adventure Raid Series in Bend this year. We will take advantage of this extraordinary environment to organize an event that meets the expectations of all the top level teams who compete on our circuit", stated Sylvain Thuault, Race Director.

The town of Bend and flagship mountain resort Mt. Bachelor will play host to the event and support marketing and promotional efforts to the greater Bend area.

"The Bend VCB is extremely excited that RAID organizers have selected Bend to hold their race" stated Jackie French, Executive Director of the Bend Visitor & Convention Bureau. "It's a perfect fit for Bend as Oregon's Playground. This race is a big deal in regards to the significant amount of national media exposure and the immediate positive economic impact that we will receive as the host city. The Bend VCB, Mt. Bachelor and the Deschutes National Forest were delighted to work with RAID organizers to make this happen."

For more information on the event, please visit www.theraid.org

Event sponsors Saab and Salomon will help drive regional and national awareness for the event. For Salomon, based in Portland, Oregon, the event is held in their backyard for the first time since the Series' inception in 1998.

BARK will be working closely with race organizers to provide volunteers and other assistance. Please contact Pam Stevenson at pam_stevenson@hotmail.com or 389-5599 if you want to be involved. Or sign up your team today!

The Wild SnowBerry

a fun winter adventure

Sunday February 22 * 9am
A local Sno-Park

The Wild SnowBerry is another special informal event we've designed just for BARK members. This is a 4-5 hour adventure race on snowshoes, skis or any combination thereof. **The objective is to visit all the checkpoints in order.** First team to the finish line wins a special prize.

Teams may consist of any number of people equal to or greater than 2. A team must travel together and all team members must reach every checkpoint. Activities will include **snowshoeing or X-C skiing (approximately 7 miles) with navigation.** This is a perfect opportunity to hone your navigational skills since things look different covered in snow.

Start/finish location and required USGS topo maps will be announced 1 week before the event. Teams will receive a Passport/Clue Sheet at the start of the race. You are completely responsible for your own gear and safety. Teams prove they visited each checkpoint in the correct order by writing down the required information at each checkpoint on their passport.

**Check-in and map plotting:
8am**

Sponsored by:



The Wild SnowBerry is FREE

for BARK members

(\$5 donation suggested)

Register by filling out the form



Mandatory Team Gear

First Aid Kit: sunscreen (1 oz), moleskin (4 inch square), butterfly bandages (1 per person), gauze pads (1 per person), 1" adhesive tape (1 roll)

Waterproof map case

Pen

UTM Grid Reader

Compass

Mirror

Knife with locking blade

Waterproof matches

Mandatory Personal Gear

Snowshoes and/or Skis

Backpack

Space blanket

Waterproof Shell jacket

Fleece Top

Gloves

Hat

Recommended Gear

Water, food

Extra warm, dry clothes

Gaiters

Cell phones are OK; GPS is prohibited

Questions?

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Registration Form

Team Name _____

Team Captain:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ / _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Team members:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Each member must read and sign waiver:

Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver

Outdoor adventures by their very nature are inherently dangerous and involve some degree of risk. I am aware that participating in any Bend Adventure Racing Klub outings may expose me to certain risks and dangers including, but not limited to the hazards of mountainous, aquatic, or wilderness terrain, accident, illness, the forces of nature, and travel to and from the trailhead or point of departure. I am aware that it is not possible to foresee all of the potential hazards of outdoor activities. Each participant in a BARK activity is responsible for his or her decisions. To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the activities in which I will participate. I understand that BARK is a volunteer organization. In consideration of voluntarily participating in these outings, trips, or activities, I have and do hereby assume all the risks inherent in these activities and hold harmless the Bend Adventure Racing Klub and its agents, tour leaders, officers, and instructors, from and against any and all claims, liability, and demands of any nature, for the acts or omissions of the Bend Adventure Racing Klub or its agents, tour leaders, officers, or instructors.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONCERNING BEND ADVENTURE RACING KLUB.

Each member must sign the BARK Liability Waiver. A parent or guardian must sign the form for members under 18 years of age.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Finding the CP with map and compass

February 11, 2004 at 7PM

in south east Bend

Meet with Max King and Bob Speik for a beginner to expert Adventure Racing Navigation Clinic. Learn all about topo maps, the UTM grid and course plotting to given Check Point locations. Use the declination adjusted base plate compass as a protractor for plotting bearings and more. Everyone welcome at this indoor BARK Clinic.

Just bring your compass to:

61334 Wecoma Court, Bend OR

UTM (Nad 27) 10,636,387 / 4,876,123

Don't forget your beer and munchies!

Check www.TraditionalMountaineering.org or call Bob Speik at 385-0445 for more info on map, compass (and optional GPS).

Join Team BARK for the 2004 Race Season

Team BARK is excited as ever about adventure racing and we are looking for new sponsors and racers now! Contact Team Captain Dave Schneider at 536-5617 if you are interested, especially the first race of the season, the Cal Eco 24-hour race at Lake San Antonio, California April 17-18.

New BARK members are always welcome! Please encourage your friends and other crazy people you know to join BARK. No experience required, just an inability to lie on the couch eating Hershey Kisses while crying about Ben and J. Lo's cancelled wedding.

And a thank you to our sponsors:



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Special Introductory Offer for
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10% discount with your BARK
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