

# THE EXPEDITION

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## Welcome to Outdoor Pursuits (OP)

We are happy to remind you that Ball State University will open the doors to a new recreation center in ONLY 6 short months! Along with the new facilities, we will officially launch our Outdoor Pursuits program. It will include a climbing wall, outdoor equipment and retail center, classroom, adventure trips and outdoor skill clinics, as well as a bike shop. Our goal is a dynamic year-round program that runs smoothly and meets the needs of our students, faculty, staff, and the Muncie community.

## YOUR Outdoor Pursuit Program

We want YOU to know that the Outdoor Pursuits Program at Ball State University is for YOUR enjoyment! We want to create trips and provide rental equipment that YOU, the student, faculty, staff, or community members want! The only way we can meet your needs is by relying on your input. Don't be shy; let us know if you'd like us to plan a backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail or a ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Tell us what equipment you are interested in renting such as wetsuits, cross country skis, tents, sleeping bags, and any other outdoor equipment! No idea is too small or too BIG! If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities or equipment you would be interested in renting, please feel free to contact us at [outdrpursuit@bsu.edu](mailto:outdrpursuit@bsu.edu). We'd love to hear from you!



*“The Mountains are calling and I must go.”  
~John Muir*

## Outdoor Pursuits Round Table Forum

Like we said, we want YOUR input! There will be an open forum for anyone interested in Outdoor Pursuits. Students, staff, and faculty can come and share ideas, ask questions, or offer suggestions for trip destinations, rental equipment, or just chat and see what we're up to. The round table forum will be held on **Thursday, February 18 at 7p.m. in the Worthern Arena Lounge Room 142, inside Lower Level Gate 1.** If you cannot make it to the Forum, stop by and see us! Currently, the Outdoor Pursuits office is located in Ball Gym Room 103, until our OP suite opens in August!

## Big News for the Climbing Wall!



The climbing wall pinnacle is here, and it looks fantastic! Entre Prises spent three days in late January installing the free-standing portion, which features two lead routes, two cracks, a number of pockets, and other natural features which will provide climbing opportunities for climbers of all experience levels! To see the latest progress on the Climbing Wall check out our web page:

[http://recreation.iweb.bsu.edu/outdoor\\_pursuits/outdoor\\_pursuits.html](http://recreation.iweb.bsu.edu/outdoor_pursuits/outdoor_pursuits.html)

## OP in the Spring

Outdoor Pursuits will officially open August 18th 2010, but that doesn't mean we don't have anything planned for this spring! Starting Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and running for five consecutive Mondays, we will be offering our annual fly casting course. Whether you're an experienced fisherman who wants to take a shot at the art of fly casting, or even if you've never even held a fishing rod before, this class is for you! Our expert instructors will introduce you to fly fishing equipment and techniques so that you'll be able to drop your fly right where you want it, in no time. If you would like more information, contact Outdoor Pursuits at [outdrpursuit@bsu.edu](mailto:outdrpursuit@bsu.edu) or visit our website and learn how to register at <http://eventpayment.bsu.edu/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x6708749d>



## Outdoor Pursuits Student Employment

Do you like to Get Out<sup>side</sup> & Play? Are you passionate about getting others interested in outdoor recreation? Do enjoy sharing your knowledge and experience while demonstrating stewardship for the environment? If so, stay tuned, Outdoor Pursuits will be posting a variety of job openings for climbing wall & rental center attendants, as well as bike mechanics on March 1<sup>st</sup>! Get your resume ready, and keep in mind, outdoor experience is PREFERRED, but NOT REQUIRED, however a passion for the outdoors is MANDATORY!

*"Nothing so liberalizes a man and expands the kindly instincts that nature put in him as travel and contact with many kinds of people."*

– Mark Twain

## THE EXPEDITION Subscription

To be the first to know the latest gossip on Outdoor Pursuits, join our email listserv! Don't worry we won't fill your inbox, plan to receive no more than 2 emails a month!

To stay in the loop, e-mail us at [outdrpursuit@bsu.edu](mailto:outdrpursuit@bsu.edu) and type "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line.

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