

Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council
POB 292
Bellingham, WA 98227



Dear Prospective Member:

Thank-you for your interest in Bellingham Mountain Rescue Council. We are affiliated with the national Mountain Rescue Association, www.mra.org, and serve all of Whatcom County, working under the direction of the Whatcom County Sheriff. BMRC is a volunteer agency dedicated to saving lives through education and search and rescue missions. In order to join the unit you must have basic mountaineering experience! The best way to start is to take a comprehensive basic mountaineering course. We do not teach basic mountaineering skills; we teach rescue skills to climbers who already have the basic skills. You must be well equipped, properly clothed, and both mentally and physically prepared for practices and missions in any kind of weather!

Basic Mountaineering skills courses are offered locally by:

- American Alpine Institute
- The Mountaineers
- WWU Outdoor Center

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, except for November and December, when we usually meet on the first Thursday of December. Meetings are held at the Whatcom County Search and Rescue (SAR) building on the south side of Smith Rd., about 100 yards east of Northwest Rd., at 7:00 PM. Persons wishing to join BMRC should apply by mail or contact one of the people listed below. Completed applications may be delivered in person at a monthly membership meeting or mailed to PO Box 292, Bellingham, WA 98227-0292. In addition to the application, prospective members will need to complete a Department of Emergency Management emergency worker card, and pass a criminal background check through the Whatcom County Sheriff's office. All submitted applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and applicants will be notified as soon as possible of the Board's action.

For further information, please contact one of the following:

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Sincerely,

Jim Hall
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