



Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 6 to 8 pm, FREE at the Bend Public Library
“BE PREPARED” for Spring Backcountry Adventures!

Everyone knows to "Be Prepared"! Exactly how do you do this?

1. We will show-and-tell essential clothing layers and simple gear chosen by you from the Ten Essential Systems and stuffed in a day pack. We will have some fun and learn some new facts. You will learn skills and concepts to better plan and prepare for the almost inevitable backcountry emergency and possible stranding for yourself or someone else. (This is not a Survivalist talk). This FREE two hour evening includes an eleven page free handout and a short list of recommended reading, free from the public library shelves.

2. The basic use together, of an \$8. USGS topo map, a simple \$25. Suunto M3D adjustable declination base plate compass and a fast and super accurate \$100. Garmin eTrex Venture HC GPS, will be explained.

3. Note that a Search and Rescue is not initiated until a call is made to 911. Ordinary digital cell phones and basic skills can take the ‘Search’ out of Search and Rescue! However, certain Cell Providers do not service the backcountry of Central Oregon! You do not need a costly ‘GPS’ or ‘navigation app’ in your phone! You will learn how the FCC E911 cell phone system locator works and how to call for FREE help from your friends or Deschutes County SAR Volunteers. **Some folks may consider owning a \$100. ‘SPOT-2 Satellite Messenger’.**

This FREE talk is offered at the Deschutes Public Library Brooks Room from 6 to 8 pm downtown, on a first come first served basis. Please do not call to reserve a place. This class is best for adults who like to hike, climb, hunt, ski, snowshoe, snowmobile, photo shoot or explore in all four Seasons in the high desert backcountry and high Wilderness areas of Central Oregon.

–Robert Speik, www.TraditionalMountaineering.org, 541-385-0445, from 9 to 5!