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Sixteen Swan Rangers celebrated the Rangers' 300th outing with a hike to Elk Springs Saturday, where they enjoyed a bit of champagne, non-alcoholic sparkling apple cider, Pam's Morning Glory muffins, and each others' fine company!

It was a beautiful, sunny day and a half-dozen Rangers continued on up the Echo-Broken Leg Trail to the ridge on the northern flank of Broken Leg Mountain, gaining views of Wolf Creek Canyon and beyond!

The Swan Rangers' first outing was also to Elk Springs and took place on November 12, 2005. Since then, the Rangers have picked up lots of trash along the trails, doused a half-dozen abandoned campfires, and learned a lot from each other about plants, wildlife, and how to travel safely in bear country.

The Swan Rangers meet every Saturday at the Echo Lake Cafe for **breakfast at 7:30, leaving at 8:30** for a partial day outing in the northern Swan Mountains and foothills.

They carpool from the Swan River School parking lot next to the Cafe.

When hiking in bear country, remember to carry bear spray and avoid the 3-D's: dawn, dusk, and darkness.

Everyone is welcome!



Keith

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The Rangers toast the 300th outing with a sip of champagne . . .



. . . followed by way too much non-alcoholic sparkling apple cider!



Gone, but never to be forgotten!



A beautiful hornet nest along the way!