

Web site for your Club

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NW Clubs,

Many clubs are thinking about web sites and asking three questions: do we want a web site, how much will it cost and who will do it.

Let me answer: Most clubs have already asked the question and received the wrong answer and have stopped thinking about the web.

Yes, we want a web site because; it is a way to advertise your club, show club outing photos, post the club newsletter (save postage) and show a map to your meeting place for new visitors. Someone said it cost \$100.00 a month to host a web site on the web.

Your best friend is your computer. Ask your computer to search “free hosting” (4,490,000. links on Google) and “free name registry” (11,600,000. links on Google) see you don’t need to pay an arm and leg. Check it out.

Who will be the webmaster? Most have asked the wrong person and they start at \$80.00 an hour. How about you? Anyone who is good with email, taking digital pictures and downloading them to the computer and enhancing photos on Print Shop for their photo album is half way there.

All that’s left is reading one or two books* on a sixth grade level with pictures and a visual quick start. I think learning the “html” code is easier and better than working with templates. Learning 20 codes** is enough to get started, all the rest is fluff and stuff and it comes along as you need it.

If your Club is interested in a web site, I am available and willing to help your brave soul set it up.

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*Create Your First Web Page in a weekend. Steve Callihan
HTML For the WWW. Elizabeth Castro

** 20 HTML codes

When using the code rule #1 slash bar “ / ” ends the code.

Rule #2 spaces are very important, when two codes are in a line, use 1 space “ ” to separate them or they wont work.

Rule #3 Codes are incased inside “ < > ”.

The codes are:

<HTML> Top line. </HTML> Bottom line of page

<HEAD> </HEAD>

<META HTTP-EQUIV="Content-Type" CONTENT="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1"> This tell the viewers browser what's coming.

<TITLE>20 HTML codes</TITLE> Your title for each page.

<META NAME="KEYWORDS" CONTENT=" Northwest, Rock hounds">

<BODY> The start of your web page. </BODY> End of your web page.

<TABLE> Think tic tac tow, 3 boxes across, 3 boxes down.

<TABLE BORDER="2"> This will put a box line around your text or photo.

<TR> Starts a row of boxes. </TR> Ends a row.

<TD> Starts a box. </TD> Ends a box. You can have many boxes and rows and fill them with text, photos or both.

</TABLE> End of Tic Tac Tow.

 Use .jpg or .gif or .pdf always lower case.

 size.

<H2> </H2> The number is your font **SIZE**.

 Any color you like. Stop

 Makes your font **BOLD**.

<P> Starts a new paragraph.

<P ALIGN="CENTER or LEFT or RIGHT"> What ever follows will be There.

</P> End of paragraph.

 This starts a new line in your text.

Your next page The link from page to page.

www.craterrock.com Link to other web sites.

<!-- This can be seen only by you --> Make notes, save codes, hide dates.

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