



Trail Blazer

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.
- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food
- The Trips Trustee will approve all hikes.

Rendezvous is often the MAX Gateway Transit Park & Ride lot. Take Glisan exit off I-205. Head east to 99th Ave. then turn north. The old meeting place at Gateway - in the SE corner of the surface parking lot is now fenced off and there is only paid parking so don't park there. Continue north a little further along 99th Ave and use the new parking garage that has just been completed. There are 690 spaces available and they are free with a 24-hour limit

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Announcements

Club Email Accounts

The Trails club maintains several e-mail accounts for club business. All of these are associated with our web domain trailsclub.org on our web host "cnchost" at XO communications.

The most used address is Blazer@trailsclub.org (for submitting Trailblazer articles).

The Blazer mail is actually distributed to several people so that the articles and activities make it into the Blazer, on the web pages, and onto the club calendar. This is a very good way to keep us all up to date.

Since the mail is "forwarded" to e-mail accounts outside of web host, strange things can happen. The mail account receiving the forwarded mail can decide it is SPAM, and refuse to accept it, occasionally "bouncing" the mail back to the sender. Since this goes back through our web host the sender receives a very cryptic message, from an unknown place (cnchost), that something bad happened.

So if you receive a cryptic response from a Blazer submission, please forward it to webmaster@trailsclub.org and we will let you know what happened and who really got the mail.

Randy Dietrich
Assistant Web master

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

The History Committee has received many donations of loose photographs and slides over the years. Too often, they were not clearly labeled to identify the people in the photographs, the location, or the date when the photograph was taken. Without better identifying information, the pictures have little historical value for the Trails Club.

The History Committee is asking long-time members of the Trails Club for help. We need someone to organize a gathering of long-time members (who might even be in the photographs themselves!), possibly at Rose Villa, to go through the photographs and slides and help us determine what to keep and what should be thrown away. A slide projector will be provided to look at the images on a screen. This could be a fun social event!

If you are interested in being involved, please contact History Committee Chair June Smelser at (503) 668-4060 or junesmelsner@yahoo.com

Events

Dec 26 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

Dec 26 (Wed) Tee Open

Weather and road conditions permitting, Tyee Lodge will be opened by Ann Dudley and Jean Naish on a "NO HOST" basis on December 26. Lodging and the kitchen will be available, but no meals will be served.

Please contact Ann at 360-944-6573 or Jean at 503-397-5570 if you plan to come in case opening the lodge has to be cancelled.

Dec 27-28 (Thurs-Fri) Christmas Holiday at Tyee

Christine and Jane Olsen will host and cook. Come join us for the kick off of Christmas/New Years Celebration at Tyee. Pray for snow and help we celebrate. Thurs dinner, Friday breakfast and dinner, Sat breakfast. Call Jane at 503-287-0670 to make reservation by Sunday night Dec 23rd.

Dec 29 - 1st of January Nesika Backpack Trip: Class A-B depending on the amount of snow. . We will meet at the bottom of Multnomah Falls Saturday morning and determine if we can hike up the falls route or drive east a mile and hike up Trail 400 to the lodge. Leave room in your pack to carry part of the food for the weekend. We will pot luck as best we can. Be prepared for ice with either crampons or snow shoes. Instep crampons work the best for local snow and are not all that heavy to carry. Register with Linda Conrad by December 27th so we can plan the food as a group. Email is lcgrconrad@aol.com or phone at 360-837-3875.

Dec. 29-Jan. 1st (Sat.-Tues.) Tyee for New Year's
Come celebrate the New Year in the snow on Mt. Hood. Family friendly weekend for those wishing to ski, snowshoe, sled and play in the snow or read a book. Join us in watching the Ski bowl's fireworks display. Reservations by Wed. Dec. 26th Call or email: Callista Dunn (503) 330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com
Hosts: Paul Snively, Callista Dunn and Debbie Ralls

Dec. 30 (Sunday) Doggie Ramble (Class A)
It may be insane but let's try a Dog allowed but not required hike (walk?). The proposed location is along the road to Nesika starting at the locked gate off Palmer Mill Rd. This part of the road is mostly level and it is pretty, unlikely to have snow, and has no traffic. Here is a chance to see what you have missed during your drive to the lodge and for you to get some fresh air during the holiday season. Plan to do about six miles. Please call me if you are interested and for the meeting location which will be at 9:30.
Leader: Diana Forester (503) 288-7782

Jan.1 (Tues.) New Years Day Hike - Class B
We will start hiking at the 400 Trail as the Multnomah Falls trail is usually closed at this time of the morning. As the trail can be icy bring shoe crampons and hiking poles. I will be leading a slower paced hike and would appreciate someone to lead a faster paced hike. We plan to be at the lodge around 11:30 for lunch and will have hot drinks to warm you up and hike out around 1:30 so that we will be out before dark.
Meet in front of the Multnomah Falls Lodge at 8:30 AM or meet Diana Forester at Gateway Park and Ride at 7:45 AM.
Leaders: Ann Marie Dudley 360-944-6573 Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Jan 1-3 (Tues-Thurs) Tyee continuing the New Year
Come and enjoy the snow! What a great way to start 2008. Make your reservations for dinner on the 1st to breakfast on the 3rd no later than Sat, Dec 29th, by phone or email with Virginia Larson, (360)263-3541 or admin@trailsclub.org

Jan 2 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A
We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Alan Kotz 503-636-7530

Jan 5, (Sat) -- Crosstown Trail, Cross-country ski trip, Class B
Let's keep our New Year's Resolution to ski more often this year! This loop starts at the Summit ski area and skirts Government Camp to the Glacier View Sno Park. We will cross Highway 26 and return via the Summit Trail. The total distance is about 7 miles, though we could add a loop around Enid Lake if the snow is great and the skiers are energetic! Bring lunch and water and dress for mountain weather. Please call to register, since snow or weather conditions could require a change in plan. Leader:
Cathy Schiedler (503-234-1839), catherineschied@juno.com

Jan 5, Sat x/c ski Twin Lake, Class C
This 9.7 mile ski along the PCT is lead in conjunction with the Nordic Club by John Heaton. Meet 8:30 Gateway. Register at 503-257-2012

Jan 5-6. Tyee Lodge open - Family Snow week-end.
Enjoy the abundant opportunities to cross country, downhill ski, sled on nearby hill, make snow angels or sit by the fire and read. Bring the youngsters, teens and college kids!
Dinner, breakfast and lunch packed with protein (likely chicken) to fuel our energy
Reservations by Jan 1 @ 5:00 p.m.
Call Diane 503-781-2791 or waterdi@comcast.net

Jan 6 (Sun) Snow shoe above Timberline Lodge – Class B
We'll head uphill from the parking lot at Timberline Lodge. Goal will be the top of Zigzag Canyon uphill to the N and W. The uphill will warm us up, so dress in layers.
Registration requested. Snopark permit required.
Meet: Gateway 7:55 AM
Leader: Rich Fuhs (503) 690-5077, Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Jan 9 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A
We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby .
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Wayne Schweinfest

Jan 9 (Wed) University Falls- Class B
We will hike along logging roads and on some trail from near Rogers Camp to University Falls and back. This will be a moderately paced hike in relatively gentle terrain. Meet at west end of the Fred Meyer parking lot off Cornelius Pass Road at 8:00 AM.
Distance 8 miles with about 1000 feet of climb
Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

Jan 12, Sat, Novice Ski
Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood, OR
Come ski these groomed trails, where you can nearly always count on good conditions. You will be able to perfect your skills and enjoy the scenery without having to worry so much about where your skis are going. Please bring a \$5 donation for the grooming, which is managed by volunteers from the Teacup Chapter of ONC.
Meet at Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific St., at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. To confirm attendance and for more information contact the leader, John Heaton 503 257-2012.

Jan 12, 2008 (Sat) Bennett Pass area Snowshoe (Class B)
Depending on snow and weather, we will probably hike from Bennett Pass down to Upper Pocket Creek and then go cross country back up to the Bennett Pass Road. From there we may go as far as the Terrible Traverse. If weather cooperates there may be views of the east side of Mt. Hood. Otherwise, we will still enjoy this area. The pace will be fairly slow. Round trip will be about 7 miles and elevation gain probably not more than 600 feet. Drive is 135 miles RT.
Meet: Gateway 8:00
Leader: Diana Forester (503) 288-7782

Jan 13 (- Sun) , x/c ski trip, Class B
destination to be determined depending on snow conditions.
Register with Leader: Merv Murphy 360-696-1084

Jan 15, 2008 (Tuesday) Cape Horn Hike Class B

This varied and fun hike is in the Gorge 26 miles east of Vancouver. Hike about 8 miles past cliffside view points, a waterfall that we walk behind, forests and farmland. Wear good boots as we also cross some scree. Elevation gain is about 1300 feet. Snow is rarely a problem as we never get above 1300 feet. Drive is 30 miles RT. Meet: Pendleton Outlet Store, Washougal, Washington. Take exit 15 off of Highway 14 and turn north (away from the river). 9:00 am Leader: Diana Forester (503) 288-7782

Jan 16 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Randy Dietrich 503-245-5762

Jan 17 (Thurs) Adventures and Travel: Paria River Backpack

The wild and spectacular canyon of the Paria River, a tributary of the Colorado, is the ultimate in desert hiking. Walking in ankle-deep water in the finest narrows in the world, amid brilliant red rock, six TCO members spent 6 days backpacking 38 miles down the Lower Paria River in May 2007. Program presented by Susan Saul. MEET: Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, 7:30 p.m. CONTACT: Nancy Overpeck, (360) 573-6878 or overpeck@wanet.com

Saturday January 19 Class B Cross Country Skiing. Pocket Creek Loop

Gentle cross country ski on loop around Tea Cup. Route is from Robin Hood Snow Park past Tea Cup and around Tea Cup Lake (which you will not see, but I am told is there) and return along road. Please register with Leader. Distance 13 km (8 miles), Elevation gain 250 m (800 ft). Meet: Gateway 8 am Leader: Wayne Lincoln 503-245-9193

Jan 19-21 (Sat-Mon) (MLK Weekend)

It's a family friendly weekend at Tye. Ski, snowshoe, play in the snow, enjoy the sledding hill or just relax by the fire. Lodge will be open from 11AM Sat. to 1PM Mon. Call or email for meals and overnight by Wed. Jan. 16 HOSTS: Stephen & Theresa Brown (360) 687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

Sunday, January 20, X/C ski, Sasquatch Trail, Class B

The Mt St Helens/Marble Mountain area offers a fun variety of trails to cross country ski. If weather and snow conditions are good we will ski the upper Sasquatch trail. (Approximately 8 miles). If conditions are not perfect we will do the lower trail. (Approximately 5 miles). If the weather is sunny there are spectacular views of Mt. St. Helens. Bring a lunch. Reservations requested. Meet: 8:00AM at North end of 134th Street Park and Ride parking lot (North of Hazel Dell) Leader: Rex Silvernail, 360 263 7225, humshwha@pacifier.com

Jan 23 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Jan 23 (Wed) Twin Lakes Snowshoe – Class B

We'll follow the PCT north from Frog Lake Sno-Park over a pass, descend down to Lower Twin Lake and then go off-trail to Upper Twin Lake. Hike 6 miles with 800 ft. gain and 400 ft. loss. Drive 120 miles round trip. Sno-Park Pass required. MEET: Register with Leader LEADER: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Jan 23-25 Mid-week at Tye

Joint venture Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers. Two nights, two dinners, two breakfasts. Bring your own lunches and snacks. Skiing and snowshoeing treks. \$35.00 non-members, \$25.00 members. Contact Marc Parks marcparcs@yahoo.com 503-224-2120 or Craig Sharpe oldgeezer49@comcast.net 360-571-8861.

Jan 26, (Sat) - X-C Ski Trip (Old Man Pass) -

We will ski from Old Man Pass to McClellan Meadows which is approximately 5 miles round trip. Depending on weather and group, we might continue to Pete Gulch Trail which is another 3.4 miles round trip. Meet at Lewis & Clark State Park at 8:30 AM. Note: If conditions here are not good, trip could change to Mt. Hood area. Leaders - Liz Daeges (503)657-9996 and Jane Storey - (503)747-5715

Jan. 27 (Sun) Cross Country Ski Trip: Old Man Pass 5.7 mile loop 148.

Come join us for a relaxed day of cross-country skiing. We will do the 5.7 mile loop 148. Meet at North end of Bridge of the Gods at 9:00 AM. Bring lunch, water, first aid kit and of course warm clothes and skis. Call or email Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com, by Wednesday.

Jan. 27, 2008 (Sun) Oneonta Trail Hike (Class B)

Winter hiking can be a lot of fun. So lose the snowshoes for one day and let's check out the waterfalls and streams while hiking as far as Franklin Ridge (conditions permitting). Total distance is 8 miles and elevation gain is 2700 feet. If there is too much snow, we will not go that far. Bring waterproof clothes and boots but No Cotton. Drive is 60 miles RT. Meet: Gateway 8:00 am Leader: Diana Forester (503) 288-7782

Jan. 26-27 Tye Open

We'll be opening Saturday by 11:00 am and closing early Sunday at 12:00 noon. Spend your time enjoying the fireplace, sledding, skiing, crocheting, etc. At the end of the day we'll provide a hearty dinner and a delicious breakfast to get you going Sunday morning. It's a family friendly weekend; bring no electronics, please. We're hoping for lots of snow activities! Contact Donna by 9:00 pm on Wednesday, January 23rd to reserve a place. Leader: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

Jan 27 (Sun) June Lake-Swift Creek Loop Snowshoe – Class B

We'll start at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park on Mount St. Helens and hike to June Lake, then climb across a lava flow to Upper Swift Creek and proceed above timberline for views. We'll descend on the Swift Creek Trail. Hike 6.5 miles with 900 ft. elev. gain. Drive 130 miles round trip. Sno-Park pass required. MEET: Register with Leader LEADER: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Jan. 30, (Wed.) SS Bennett Pass, Class B

This snowshoe follows forest service roads, mostly gentle up and down, with some great views. 5 miles, 500 feet. Meet: Gateway, 8:00 am. Leaders: Mike and Laurie Skinner, 503-590-3963 mlskinner2@comcast.net

JAN 31- FEB 3, (Thurs-Sun) BEND SKI TRIP,

We will stay at the Phoenix Inn in Bend. Please contact Barbara Jones at 503-829-6424 or email Barbjones50@hotmail.com for more information

JAN 30 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

Feb 2nd (Sat) Trillium Lake Loop - Class A

We will snowshoe 5-5.5 miles to this picture perfect winter area with beautiful views of Mt Hood (weather permitting) beyond Trillium Lake. The route down through Still Creek Campground area is a relatively gentle descent to the open meadow area, connecting to the loop trail around the lake. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and lunch, which we will stop and have along the way.
Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 8:30am. Leader: Gini Bateman - (503) 771-1560.

Trails Ahead

February 3-8 Diamond Lake Senior Week

Diamond Lake Resort in Southern Oregon is about 240 miles from Portland and 15 miles north of Crater Lake Park. During Seniors Week, the resort arranges guided cross-country ski and snowshoe tours each day. The tours accommodate all ability levels on groomed/tracked and beautiful backwoods trails.
Lodging: We will stay in cabins with two bedrooms. One bedroom has a queen bed; the other bedroom has two twin beds. Four people will be assigned to each cabin. These rustic cabins are equipped with a wood stove and electric heat. The kitchen is equipped with a refrigerator, range, microwave, toaster, sink and minimal cooking and eating utensils. Should you decide not to cook, the resort has a restaurant and small store.
Included: Trip cost is \$385/ppdo excluding transportation. This includes 5 nights lodging, 4 dinners, 1 pizza lunch, 2 group socials, guides for lessons, ski and snowshoe tours, rope tow for tubing and evening entertainment.
Transportation: Transportation is your responsibility. See trip flyer.
Extras: Breakfasts, lunches, snowcat skiing, snowmobile, equipment rentals and gratuities.
Reservations: Beginning Nov 15 upon receiving your check and paper work you will be wait-listed pending finding compatible roommates to fill a 4-person cabin. Your check will be cashed only if accommodations are available suitable for you and your cab inmates. Make checks payable to and mail to Pete Nelson, 6786 SW 204th Ave., Aloha, Oregon 97007. Cancellation policy: full refund thru November 30. After December 1, full refund if someone else takes your place. For more information contact Pete or Elaine Nelson, (503) 591-0160 or email petermvelson@yahoo.com

Feb 9-10 (Sat-Sun) - Nesika Lodge Winter Weekend

Join The Mazamas AYM a joint venture: a winter overnight trip to Nesika Lodge.
Winter access is by foot, so we'll have to backpack in and snowshoes may be required.
The hike in may be challenging or a stroll in the woods depending on the weather and trail conditions.
We will probably do a short day hike in the area on Saturday.
Saturday Dinner will be a "pack packer's potluck", so bring something for the pot (or do your own thing).
Sunday Breakfast will be available for \$2.00. Normal lodge fees apply.
Pre-registration is required by Thursday night.
Meet: Multnomah Falls Lodge Saturday Feb 9 - 9 AM
Leader: Randy Dietrich 503-245-5762 or randyd@spitone.com

Feb 23rd (Sat) Bird Butte Snow Shoe - Class Stiff A

Nice mix of on and off-trail snowshoe travel thru deep timber to an isolated summit w/ limited views. NO COTTON. SnoPark Permit needed.
Snowshoe: 5.5 miles w/ 870' elevation gain
Drive: 100 R/T miles
Meet: 8:00 AM @ Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside
Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503 665 6778

Flying L Ranch Trip

Our trip is booked for the nights of February 22 & 23 in 2008. We have a limit of 20 participants with an anticipated cost of \$125.00 per Person. Final cost may vary slightly depending on the actual number going. This includes two nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will plan a potluck for Saturday night. The kitchen in the Main lodge will be available on Friday night for anyone to prepare their dinners. You also will need to furnish your own lunches. Snow permitting we will have both snow shoeing and cross country skiing planned for Saturday and Sunday. The normal charge of \$1.00 per member and \$2.00 per non-member will be collected for each day. Your checks for \$125.00 per person should be made to Flying L Ranch, and mailed to Jean Naish by December 31, 2007, at 58207 S. Bachelor Flat Rd., Warren, OR 97053.

The Mazamas are inviting TC members on an outing to Peru.

This will be a twenty six day outing with two treks totaling 15 days included. While the pace will be gentle, participants will hike four to seven hours per day at elevations varying from 3,000 feet to 15,500 feet. Dates will be April 28, 2008 through May 25, 2008 and cost will be between \$4,400 and \$5,000 excluding travel to Peru. Contact Ellen Gradison at 541-829-0484

2008 Alpine Outing Plans

There are plans for the outing to take place from Aug. 1 to Aug 17, 2008. The outing will be in the Washington State Sawtooth mountains in the Eagle Lake area. This area is on the Chelan Summit Trail which is east of Lake Chelan. There are numerous small lakes in the area. A professional packer will take in your gear and the group gear so you can hike in with only a day pack. Cost is estimated to be \$275 - \$300 for each weeklong session. This covers all of your food as well as the packer. Look for more information later. There are a number of members who are working on the plans. If you want to help or have questions call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782.

Let's Talk About

On March 1, 2008 there will be an appreciation and training workshop at Tyee. Mark your calendar.
Enjoy camaraderie of your fellow trip leaders (hike, snowshoe, kayak, x/c ski, bicycle, and backpack) and get help with any questions you might have.

Candy Bagley's Blazer unable to forward at
9717 SE Idleman Rd
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Could those of you who are lovers of backpacking please email me your wish list for 2008. I would like to put a wish list together and help Lisa find leaders for the trips. I would like to publish the wish list by December 15th. Linda and Lisa Conrad 360-837-3875 or lgrconrad@aol.com

Tyee Host schedule winter 2007/2008

Wed 12/26 - lodge not open need host
 Thur 12/27 – Christine Olsen
 Fri 12/28 - Jane Olsen
 Sat 12/29 - Calista Dunn
 Sun 12/30 - Calista Dunn
 Mon 12/31 - Calista Dunn
 Tue 01/01 - Virginia Larsen
 Wed 01/02 - Virginia Larsen
 Thur 01/03 – Rebecca Knudeson
 Fri 01/04 – Rebecca Knudeson
 Sat 01/05 - Dianne Brook
 Sun 01/06 - Dianne Brook
 1/12 - lodge not open - need host
 1/13 - lodge not open - need host
 1/19 - Steve & Theresa Brown
 1/20 - Steve & Theresa Brown
 1/21 – Steve & Theresa Brown
 Wed 1/23 to 1/25 - primetimers – Mark Parks
 1/26 -27 - Donna Aase
 2/2 - Sierra Club - Roger Cole (Nancy

Overpeck)
 2/3 - Sierra Club - Roger Cole
 2/9 – Arleta Miller
 2/10 – Arleta Miller
 2/16 - Gerda Eck/Allen Burrell
 2/17 - Gerda Eck/Allen Burrell
 2/18 - Gerda Eck/Allen Burrell
 2/23 - lodge not open - need host
 2/24 - lodge not open - need host
 3/1 - Diana Forester - leader training
 3/2 - Diana Forester - leader training
 3/8 - lodge not open – Linda Conrad
 3/9 - lodge not open - Linda Conrad
 3/15 - lodge not open - need host
 3/16 - lodge not open - need host
 3/22 - Donna Aase
 3/23 - Donna Aase

The good news is our Lodge in the mountains will be open over the Christmas Holidays. We have hosts starting on December 21, 2007 all the way to January 6, 2008...except for

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Check your Blazer or the website for where you have to call to make reservations.

We would like to offer lodging every weekend during the winter season, but of course it depends on a volunteer to open and close Tyee, plus a volunteer to take reservations and provide a meal for those signed up. We are still looking for someone to come forward and take the January 12/13 weekend.

If you are inclined to help out, please contact Theresa Ryan-Brown at ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com or call 360-687-6169 or Gerda Eck at gerdaeck@msn.com 503-654-1353 to ordinate a weekend to go up to Tyee to learn from an experienced host.

X/C Ski and Snowshoe Trips

01-06-08 – x/s Cathy Schiedler, Cross Town
 01-12-08 – SS Diana Forester, tba
 01-13-08 – x/s Merv Murphy, tba
 01-19-08 – x/s Wayne Lincoln, Pocket Cr.
 01-23-08, SS Susan Saul, Twin Lakes
 01-20-08 – x/s Rex Silvernail, Mt. St Helens
 01-24-08 – x/s Craig Sharpe, tba
 01-25-08 – SS Marc Parks, tba
 01-26-08 – x/s Liz Daeges, Old Man Pass
 01-27-08 – x/s Linda Conrad, tba “A” trip
 01-27-08 – SS Susan Saul, tba
 02-02-08 – SS Gini Bateman, tba
 02-03-08 – x/s Jane Storey, tba
 02-09-08 – SS Lisa Conrad, tba

02-10-08 – x/c Diana Forester, Pocket Creek
 02-12-08, SS Gerda Eck, Old Man Pass
 02-17-08 – x/s Joan Miller, West Leg Rd
 02-17-08 – SS Rex Silvernail, Mt. St. Helens
 02-23-08 – x/s Cathy Schiedler, Mt. Adams
 02-23-08 – SS Kelly Marlin, Bird Butte
 02-24-08 – SS Rich Fuhs, Clark Creek
 03-09-08 – SS Linda Conrad, tba
 03-15-08 – SS Gerda Eck, Pollalie Ridge
 03-23-08 – SS Allen Burrell, Mirror Lake overnight

TCO 2008 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

(Watch Blazer as work weekends get closer for more details)

Tyee
 May 31-June1
 August 9-10
 September 13-14

Nesika
 April 19-20
 May 17-18
 June 14-15
 July 12-13
 August 9-10
 September 13-14
 October 11-12

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The Nesika Stove Dedication

What a party!!!! Nesika is alive and well and let’s keep it that way!! It’s hard to include in a short article all of the good things that happened at Nesika over the stove dedication weekend. Let’s try!!

First, the weather. It was perfect. The brilliant sunshine, the clear blue skies, the beautiful autumn leaves, the contrast of the evergreens all helped to make the moment magic.

Second, the lodge and the dormitories all cleaned up and sparkling for the 80 or so that attended the event.

Third, the cooks -- Arlean, Mae, Winnie, Ilo, and so many others who put together three fantastic meals for the mob assembled.

Fourth, the Social Committee. Winnie and her bunch who planned, decorated, supplied the music and got everyone on his or her feet for the Bunny Hop, Glen Miller, the Oakridge Boys and Linda Ronstandt. Great Fun!!

Fifth, the dedication of the stove. Darrel’s history of Nesika, Walt’s account of the stove rebuilding effort, Angelo’s presentation of the plaque commemorating Everett’s efforts and Lucille Beauchamp’s touching response. None of us there will forget that.

And finally, to all who came up for the event and helped to make it such a grand occasion, thank you so much for proving there’s still fun left at Nesika.

THANK YOU

Board of Trustees Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon
Minutes Trustees Meeting December 11, 2007

Randy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 8:35. Craig Sharpe and Nancy Overpeck were absent. Callista Dunn, Susan Saul, and Vicki Wood attended.

The minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved as distributed.

There were no communications requiring discussion or action.

Treasurer's report

beginning balance 10/31/07 \$ 7805.53

November Deposits 1590.37

November Checks - 6268.45

Ending Balance 11/30/07 \$
3127.45

We owe a net of \$556 for Tyeerent this year. We made an advance payment of \$300 and received a \$312 credit for our work on the Multnomah

Basin road during 2006. We will submit a report detailing our 2007 work by March 2008. We will not need an additional transfer from the investment fund since there will be cash flow from dues during the next couple of months.

Signature forms for the Memorial Endowment Fund were filled out. Merrill Hugo signed as club secretary, and Fendall Winston as committee member.

Trips- Diana reported that the 2008 wilderness outing will be in the Washington Sawtooths. She reported that there will be a program of longer midweek hikes. Leaders for these January and February 2008 hikes have come forward. She also praised Gerda Eck and Allen Burrell for their work on organizing this winter's snow shoe and ski program.

Publications- Fendall reported the Blazer is getting published smoothly. Randy described how he and Karen are improving our internal email system.

Membership – see below

Social- Calista went over some dates for social activities in the coming months.

Lodges- Charley told us that Arleta and Steve are taking care of the lodge packets. He indicated a concern about accelerated depletion of supplies at Tyeerent. There was a report about doors unlocked at Nesika. [Investigation following the meeting proved this to be a very outdated report]

(MSC Fendall, Diana) Rebecca Knudson is authorized to use Tyeerent Lodge with a youth group Jan 3 & 4 with the understanding that Trails Club members may also be present.

(MSC Diana, Charley) The Portland Branch-Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is authorized to use Tyeerent June 28-29 with upwards of 20 guests.

New Business- Susan Saul described working with June Smelser, Ken Becker, Barbara Markham and others on our accumulation of historical memorabilia.

(MSC Merrill, Randy) We approach professional archivists to obtain proposals for the cataloging, archiving and preservation of our historical materials.

Randy presented the budget for 2008.

Susan reminded us that the centennial of the club will be 2013 and suggested that we begin to think about planning for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted- Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes (December '07 Trail Blazer)

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for them to receive a couple of Blazers for free. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

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2nd Readings:

Carol A. Dickson (Over 65)

Keith D. Dickson (Over 65)

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Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five **non-members per member** will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

The following procedure is used to schedule a lodge event. This procedure avoids conflicting schedules.

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open.htm>.
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar.
4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.

5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms. After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the Lodge & Properties chair.
6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the Lodge & Properties chair.

Webmaster: Karen Yanhs
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