



Trail Blazer

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24	Sun	Smell the roses Bike
25-Sept 2	Sun-Tues	Vermillion to Trail Pass Backpack
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Upcoming Events		
27	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
27	Wed	Portland Evening Hike
30-Sept 1	Sat-Mon	Round the Mountain
30-Sept 1	Sat-Mon	Nesika Party
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 15 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.

Meeting Places:

Gateway Park & Ride

From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the park and ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh between NW 25th and NW 26th. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

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Nesika Party!!! - Labor Day Weekend

Sat. Aug. 30 – Mon. Sept. 1

Music & BBQ on Sunday

Contact Callista Dunn (503) 330-7344

WHEN HELP IS DELAYED - FIRST AID FOR ACTIVITY LEADERS

John Stubbs will again provide first aid and CPR training for all club members who lead activities. Participants will not have to pay for this. The Club would like all leaders to be certified in first aid and this is an enjoyable and useful class. We will meet on Saturday Sept. 27, 2008. Please call Diana Forester to register at 503-288-7782 or email her at diana_forester@msn.com.

CHANGE IN MILEAGE RATES

With the cost of gas going up, the suggested donation for passengers has been changed. Passengers are now asked to donate 15 cents per mile to the driver to cover expenses up to 30 cents per mile per car. This means that the individual costs will go down if there are three or more passengers in each car. Donations should be made for all activities even in town if one person is providing transportation for another. The trip leader should make an effort to include the anticipated round trip mileage for an activity in the announcement. However, it is also suggested that each driver set their odometer at the beginning of each car pool. Please remember that drivers who have cars averaging 21 miles per gallon are paying about \$22 for every 100 miles at this time for gas alone.

Events

Aug 2-10 (Sat-Sun) Johnstone Strait Kayak

Please contact leaders for more information
Leaders: Lisa Brice & Steve Benson, tckayak@msn.com.

Aug 2 (Sat) Ramble thru Multnomah Village and beyond

We will beat the crowd to the 100 year celebration of Multnomah Village on August 8-17. We'll go past my childhood home and then on to Gabriel Park for a snack or lunch before returning to the village. Meet: 9 am at the Multnomah Art Center (the old Multnomah Grade School), 7688 SW Capitol Hwy (if taking Bus 44, get off at SW Capitol & 31st)
Leader: June Smelser, 503-668-4060, junesmelsler@yahoo.com

Aug 6 (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

Aug 6 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.
Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 Ginibateman@aol.com

Aug 9 (Sat) Bald Mountain and McNeil Point Area - Class A

Enjoy up close views of Mt. Hood's northwest side on this hike. We may see wild flowers too. Hike 6.2 miles with 1600 feet of elevation gain. Slower pace. We will not go as far as McNeil Point. Drive 100 miles round trip.
MEET: 8:30 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.
LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Aug 9 (Sat) Nesika Lodge Membership Hike - class B

Enjoy a beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, several waterfalls, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way. Trailsclub folks will be at the lodge working so it will be open for your visit. Bring water and lunch or snacks. Approx. 7-8 miles RT, 1700-1800' elev. gain, moderate pace. Meet at Gateway Park & Ride garage by 8:30am or at Multnomah Lodge gift shop by 9:20am. Leader: Jane Garbisch 503-314-2233.

Aug 9 & 10 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

We had an exceptionally eager group at Nesika for the June work trip. We can now see the lodge and the women's dorm from much of the tractor trail, and the trail itself has been groomed. We have almost finished the lower half of this year's wall project on the women's dorm. This month we will want to chip the debris from the clearing project, continue our wall reconstruction on the dorm and get some more improvements made to the road and the tractor trail. We have plenty of tasks light and heavy to accomplish. Come up to Nesika, make a contribution, and have some fun. Register with Merrill Hugo at 503-293-5102 by 9 PM Wed. Aug 6. Meet at the lower gate, intersection of Brower Road and Palmer Mill Road at 9 AM on Aug. 9.

Aug 9-10 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

Finally, the snows have melted away! Beat the heat of Portland and come stay at Tyee! If you use Tyee in the winter please consider volunteering for one work party. Projects include: stocking new supplies, splitting and stacking firewood, painting, bundling shingles for kindling, clearing out dead and dry material around lodge. We will also send a team up to visit and document disbursed camp sites along West leg Rd. Lodging and meals free to volunteers who pre-register! Lodge will close Sun. at 3PM. Need a cook and assistant.

Note: **I will be out-of-town July 29th to Aug. 8th. If possible please pre-register by July 28th.**

Contact: Stephen Brown, (360) 687-6169, ryan-browns4@spiritone.com

Aug 10 (Sunday) Tyee Membership hike - Class B

Members and prospective members are all welcome on this hike. We'll walk along the old Barlow Trail and around Trillium Lake, then uphill for a visit to Tyee Lodge then back to the rest area, approx. 8 mi with 650 elevation gain. Bring a lunch to eat at the lodge. Dogs are not allowed on this hike. Nonmembers pay a \$2 trip fee. Meet at the rest area at Government camp near Summit ski area (at the far corner to the right of the restrooms) at 9:45 am. If you are interested in meeting to carpool at 8:30 am from Gateway Park and Ride, call or e-mail the leader by Thursday August 8th and she will help coordinate this but cannot participate, as she will already be at Tyee helping with the work weekend. *Be sure to check the website or call the leader by August 8th for any changes in the itinerary. Leader: Vicki Wood 503-659-1423, vw48@comcast.net

Aug. 10 (Sun.) Grand Island Bike Ride - Class B

We will ride from The Wheatland Ferry through Maude Williamson State Park to Grand Island. We will have lunch at a small park on Grand Island. We will return pretty much by the same route. The terrain is pretty flat and the riding distance 25-35 miles depending on weather. There is little car traffic on most of the route. Driving directions to the Wheatland Ferry: South on I5 to the Brooks Exit, turn right and follow signs to Mission State Park. Pass the entrance to the park taking the next left after the park. Please register with leader by 9PM Friday August 8. Meet: East side of Wheatland Ferry at 9:00 AM. Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

Aug 11 (Mon evening) North Portland Bike Ride - Class A

I think we'll ride from Peninsula Park out to Pier Park in North Portland. This will be a leisurely, flat ride, mostly on low traffic streets. We'll do between 10 and 15 miles. Meet at the south end of Peninsula Park, at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave. at 6 pm. There is a lot of street parking in the area. Afterwards, we may look for somewhere nearby for a bite to eat. Call or email with questions. Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

Aug 13 (Wed) Mount Margaret Hike - Class C

Although in the midst of the Mount St Helens blast zone, this hike along the Boundary Trail to Mount Margaret is alive with rich greens, vibrantly-hued wildflowers and endless alpine meadows. The trail is a steady climb but the reward is a view directly across Spirit Lake into the crater of Mount St. Helens, east to Mount Adams and north to Mount Rainier. Hike 12 miles round trip; elevation gain 2,200 ft. Drive 240 miles round trip. Northwest Forest Pass required. Expect a late return. Meet: 7 am at north end of Salmon Creek Park & Ride in Vancouver. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Aug 13 (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: Mike Harrison 503-659-7430

Aug 13 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 rich.fuhs@verizon.net

Aug 15-19 (Fri - Tues) The High Divide and Seven Lakes Basin

Backpack - Class B+ For more info, please see current backpack information on web. Leader: Jeff Lawton, jeff@pdxinfo.com

Aug 16 (Sat) Paradise Park, Hike & Dine - Class C

Work a proper appetite for Saturday's "dine" at Tyee with this full-on hike 'round Paradise Park. Assuming we do the whole loop, it's 12.2 miles; 2,300 foot gain but pace will be moderate (NOT slow). In (unlikely) event it's sticking hot or we're feeling lazy, could be less by doing part down and back. Starts from parking lot at Timberline, goes, down, and then back up. Spectacular views of Jefferson, Three Sisters, and more. This year's season is late, so wildflowers could still be in bloom - if so, spectacular. Dress for any kind of weather. (Bring lotsa water; sun block, etc.) Leader (Joe) will be doing hike, then evening meal at Tyee, then return PDX same night (advance meal reservation will be required) Option also to just do hike only, or hike, meal and o'nite at lodge (by reserving) Carpooling will be arranged according to these choices. Meet: Gateway P&R 8:45 to leave at 9:00 sharp! Wilderness area, first 11 sign up's assured, if more would require second leader. Leader: Joe Sanders -- Prefer email reservation, or leave phone msg. at (503) 222-1489

August 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Hike & Dine

This will be the first Hike & Dine of 2008. Cooks, Bernice Schuchardt and her friend Marilyn Hays, will be preparing the dinner which they have entitled, "Northwest Delight." The menu will include Northwest mushrooms, salmon and local berries (mushroom soup, salmon, rice, coleslaw, hot homemade biscuits, and berry pies).

We'll keep the price no more than \$10 per person for the two meals - dinner and breakfast. Please register by Wednesday, August 13, before 9 p.m. with Bernice Schuchardt, 503 775-4161 (h), 503 539-8146, or preferably by e-mail bmschuch@aol.com.

Aug 16-Aug 17 (Sat-Sun) Overnight Kayak to Coon Island (JJ Collins Marine Park)

An overnight kayak to a favorite local spot in the Multnomah Channel just south of Scappoose. Meet at Brown's Landing (McCuddy's Landing) Sat morn. After establishing camp, we'll kayak Crane Lake or Gilbert River. Bring your camping gear and food for a great overnight experience. Call leader for registration and meeting time.
Meet: Contact Leader
Leader: Allen Burrell 503-654-1353 or burrell@teleport.com

Aug 16 - 23 (Sat-Sun) Wallowa Mountains / Eagle Cap Wilderness Backpack - Class C

For more info, please see current backpack information on web.
Leader: Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net

Aug 17 (Sun) Pacific Crest Trail: Barlow Pass to Wapinitia Pass - Class B

This will be a hike from Barlow Pass on the Pacific Crest Trail to Wapinitia Pass. Elevation gain is approximately 200 feet. Distance covered: 9 miles. This will be a car shuttle, with cars left at Barlow Pass, and others at Wapinitia Pass parking lot to pick up hikers. Forest trail pass is required. Bring lunch and water.
Meet: Gateway Transit Center at 8:30 A.M.; or those at Tyee Lodge: 10 A.M. at Gov't Camp Rest Area.
Leader: Mike Harrison 503-659-7430, harrimb585qf@comcast.net.

Aug 19 (Tues) Paradise Park - Class C

The snow has probably just melted in the high country; flowers should be prime in this lovely meadow. Come sing "The hills are alive...." on this 12-mile, 2300 ft accumulative elevation, beautiful hike on Mt. Hood.
Meet: 8AM Sandy Safeway
Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-654-1353 gerdaeck@msn.com

Aug 20 (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: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Aug 20 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh
Leader: Julie Dailey 503-654-2557 jules@spiritone.com

Aug. 21 (Thurs) Picnic at Willamette Park

SW Macadam Ave. and Nebraska St.
Join us for another great potluck picnic. Punch will be provided. Bring own place settings, a chair and dish to share. Meet at picnic tables south of the boat ramp. If arriving before 6:30 p.m., there is a parking fee of \$1.00 for seniors and \$3.00 for others. No charge at 6:30 p.m. Meet at 6:35 p.m. and eat at 6:45 p.m.
Call Callista Dunn for information. Cell # (503) 330-7344

Aug 23 (Sat) In-Town Portland Hike - Class A/B

Let's hike around SW Portland. We'll start at Fulton Pub on Johns Landing, walk up SW Trails 4 and eventually come down under Barbur Blvd and I-5 on SW Trails 3. Hike will be around 4 miles and around 500 feet elevation gain. Meet in front of Fulton Pub, 0618 SW Nebraska St on Johns Landing at 9:30 am (parking is available on the street in the neighborhood-you may have to walk a block or two). After the hike we may stop for lunch. Call or email with questions.

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

Aug 24 (Sun) Three Corner Rock - Class A

5 miles and 1200 feet will get you to the top of this southern Washington peak. From there you can see 5 peaks plus part of the Gorge. The drive is longer than the Stubbens Creek route but it is 13 miles shorter! 100 mile round trip. No special permits needed nor any wilderness restrictions.
Meet: Gateway Park and Ride at 9:00 am
Leader: Diana Forester (503-288-7782)

Aug 24 (Sun) Smell the Roses Bike Ride

This is a bike ride on country roads. We will start near Champoege Park & bike approx 22 miles. We stop at Heirloom Roses & Fragrant Nursery. Call leader for meeting place and morning start time.
Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952

Aug 25-Sept 2 Vermillion Valley Resort to Trail Pass Trail - Class C+

Total mileage: 142.4 including Mt Whitney. We will average 15 miles per day. Drive down will be on Sunday, Aug. 24. We will take the ferry to the trail head and head south. We will hit Mt. Whitney on the 31st, hike on down to our car by Tuesday evening, and drive home on Wednesday, Sept. 3. This is a very difficult hike. Only the experienced need register with Linda Conrad at lgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

Aug 25 (Mon) Sauvie Island Bike Ride

We will ride for 2-3 hours on Sauvie Island. Meet at 6 PM Meet at store on Sauvie Island just off the bridge. Parking permit required & can be obtained at the store. With all the construction we will have to decide where to park that evening.
Leader Lisa Brice 503-682-2952

Aug 26 - 29 (Tues-Fri) Cottage Grove - Row River Trail Bike Tour

Cottage Grove is known for its historic covered bridges. We will visit 7 of them while exploring the trail and the less traveled roads in the area. The trail is part of the National Rails to Trails system. This area is quite flat, mileage is between 20 and 35 a day. On the way home we will stop in Eugene and ride the bike paths along the Willamette River. We will car camp at Baker Bay Campground right on Dorena Lake. This campground has showers, a swimming hole, boat launch, small concession. The camping fee is around \$15.00 per night. Please contact leaders by August 15 if you are interested.
Leaders: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885, giselapiercy@aol.com or Louis Sowa, 503 628-4919, lsowa@earthlink.net

Aug 27 (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

Aug 27 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B 6PM to 8PM ish

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh
Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 dcibike2@aol.com

Aug 30-Sept 1 (Sat-Mon) Round the Mountain, Timberline Trail - Class C

A 3-day hike over Labor Day weekend around the most beautiful and close-to-home mountain. We will hike the complete circuit of the Timberline Trail around Hood minus the slide area around Eliot Glacier. Every morning, shuttle will take you to the trailhead after a hearty breakfast. All you need to carry is your day pack, snacks,

lunch and water. After hiking each day, return to the Mazama Lodge where you will enjoy great food, hot showers and a comfortable place to sleep and hopefully a few good stories from the day before turning in for the evening. Join Trails Club leaders Roger & Karen Yanhs Anderson for the slow(er) pace group.
For more information, contact Karen@trailsclub.org.

Aug 30 – Sept 1 (Mon-Sat)

Labor Day Weekend at Nesika Lodge

Come and enjoy the lodge with the view. Music and BBQ on Sunday afternoon. Eat at 5:30 p.m.

Host: Merrill Hugo

Music: Contact Audrey Perino

Cooks: Callista Dunn and Paul Snively

Meals provided will be Sat. and Sun. dinner and Sun. and Mon.

breakfast. Please contact Callista Dunn for reservations by Wed. Aug 27 (503) 330-7433 Kissta9@aol.com

Meet at gate on Sat. at 9:30 a.m.

Trails Ahead

2008 SENIOR OUTING - Sept 16 through Sept 21

Four days and three nights at Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. Eight meals and accommodations will be provided at the main lodge. There will be opportunities for short hikes in the vicinity, including trips to Cape Meares, Oceanside, and Astoria. The next two nights will be at Depoe Bay with accommodations at the old but delightful Whale Inn. Again there will be numerous short hikes available and visits to Lincoln City, Newport and vicinity. Cost per member will be about \$400 each, depending on individual's extra meals and incidentals. Each will be responsible for own transportation. We will need to keep size under 20, and so far 14 have signed up. All Club Members desiring to participate in this year's Senior Outing must provide a deposit of \$60.00. Please make out check to Trails Club of Oregon and send promptly to TCO Treasurer, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207-1243.

Questions? Please Call Leonard Murphy at 503-665-6449.

Sept 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Wapiki Lake-Indian Heaven Backpack-Class C

This is a beautiful hike with a class level between a B and C depending on the route we take. This first stretch is about 2.2 Miles with 1000 feet Elevation gain.

We can take a short detour to Deep Lake which is about 1/2 a mile. From there we continue the ascend to Lemei Rock doing 1.2 miles and ascending about 500 feet.

From there to Wapiki is about 1.1 mile descending about 1000 feet. The return is back to Cultus Lake on the same trail (2.3 miles going from 5240 to 5600 and back down to 5100 feet).

We then take the trail to the PCT to go around Bird Mountain. This portion of the trail is about 6.2 miles with a steep descend on the way back.

Space is Limited so registration with the leader is mandatory. Dogs welcome on hike, must inform leader ahead of time.

Leader: Claudio Bernstein, 503-806-8994, cl-audio@comcast.net

Sept 26-23 (Fri-Sun) Long John Lake Backpack, Class B

Enjoy fall colors among the sub-alpine meadows and myriad lakes and ponds of the William O. Douglas Wilderness, Washington. On this 3-day trip, we'll pick a lake for a base camp and then spend our time day hiking up Tumac Mountain for a panoramic view of the Cascades and visiting other lakes and viewpoints. The backpack is about 10 miles; side trips up to 20 miles extra. Elevation gain with backpack 1,000 ft. Group size limited to 12. Registration required.

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Oct 10-13 (Fri-Mon) Enchanted Valley in the Olympic National Park, Backpack; Class B+

Friday drive time is approximately 3.5 hours to Quinalt, hike in 5 miles or so and camp. Saturday hike to Enchanted Valley. Camp and explore area. Sunday explore in the morning, return most of the way and camp along Quinalt River. Monday pack out and drive home. Distance 27 miles round trip. Modest elevation gain of 1100 feet but a lot of rollercoaster along the way.

Meet: Contact Leader

Leader: Jeff Lawton, jeff@pdx.com

Kayaking

See the kayak page on the Trails Club web site for the latest information on kayaking: trips, classes, leaders, and links to related information.

Bicycle Trips for 2008

Sept. 6/7, Sat or Sun: OPEN

Sept. 13/14, Sat or Sun: OPEN

Sept. 20, Sat.: Multnomah Falls - Ralph Rogers, leader

Sept. 24/25 or 26/28t: Flying L Ranch Overnight - Gerda Eck, leader

For questions or if you would like to volunteer to lead a ride on any of the OPEN dates please contact

Gisela Piercy at 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@aol.com

TCO 2008 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

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

Nesika

September 13-14

October 11-12

Tyce

September 13-14

2008 Hike and Dine:

September 20/21 Angelo Carella

October 18/19 Gerda Eck and Cathy Schiedler

Trails Traveled

Impromptu Kayak Trip

It was a three day weekend in July, with an email for an *impromptu* kayak trip on Saturday to Smith and Bybee Lakes, 9 members and one guest put in at about 10:30AM. The lakes have lots of shrubs along its banks and in the water, a variety of algae and grasses to paddle through, however...no motorboats or jet skis on this lovely lake. It was a beautiful 3 hour paddle with views of dark clouds reflecting on the mirror flat waters, the colorful kayaks and its occupants was like eye candy. Numerous blue herons, lots of water fowl, one huge beaver den were some of the highlights. The only noise we heard was a distant occasional engine roar from PIR, where those who like car racing did not know that just a few miles away is this pristine sanctuary. Organization by email to groups of Trail Clubbers works well.....try it!

Red Buttes Backpack July 6-11, 2008

The planned trip to the Trinity Alps was impossible due to multiple forest fires. The back up trip to the Strawberries wouldn't work due to snow. Therefore 3 guests and one member headed off to "the best kept secret in Oregon". The 6 by 13 mile Red Butte Wilderness is mostly in California but is accessed from the Oregon side. We hiked a 29 mile loop in pristine old growth forest and on the rugged Siskiyou Crest seeing only one party of three other backpackers and a total of 3 day hikers in 6 days. We swam at Azalea Lake with the scent of Mountain Azaleas and at Echo Lake which had a wonderful view of red cliffs. The snow had just melted out and there was an extraordinary variety of flowers including many unknown in the Cascades. The forest included many unusual conifers as well as Oak and Mad-

rone. We could see the huge plumes of smoke from the Happy Camp fire in California but no smoke reached us and visibility from the ridge was perfect. The trail maintenance is mostly nonexistent and at times we climbed around or over trees or we pushed our way through shrubbery.

Let's Talk About

Search for new officers

The time is coming up for selection of the candidates for next year's officers. The positions that are going to open are: Vice President, Secretary, Trustee-Publications, Trustee – Trips. *If you are interested in or know of anyone who might be interested please contact a*

member of the nominating committee: Steve Brown, Wayne Schweinfest, Carolyn Jenkins, Leonard Murphy, Craig Sharpe

Fourth generation participants

We have been visited at Nesika this year by some fourth-generation participants. Jordyn, James, Damen, and Blake Conrad, ages 3, 5, 7, and 9, attended the April work trip (and helped fill the woodshed), and the Memorial Day event. They are the children of David and Brigitte Conrad, grandkids of Glen and Linda Conrad, and great-grandkids of Bernice Schuchardt.

Summary of Board Minutes

(Complete report on Member's web page)

Susan Saul called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Fendall Winston was absent.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative Assistant's Report - Virginia said she would contribute at appropriate times during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning Balance \$ 1,209.04
 June Deposits 14,876.20
 June Checks - 7,963.51
 Ending Balance \$ 8,121.73

Audrey told us she now has a club debit card which will be used for many continuing expenses.

Membership- Vicky read new nominations. Meladee A. Martin and Bill Yandon were elected to membership.

Trips- Diana announced first aid training for Sept. 27. The Belknap Springs outing was a success. One member had a problem with the heat. She is soliciting hikes for August. The Trinity back pack will be transferred to the Strawberry Wilderness to avoid the fires in California.

Publications- There was no report. Susan passed out a publications calendar for the remainder of the year with due dates for each month.

Social- Callista said there was a good turnout for the June picnic. There will be an event at Nesika on the Fourth of July weekend, a picnic at Gabriel Park on July 10, and a hike and dine at Tyee on July 26.

Lodges- (msc David, Merrill) Audrey Perino will be issued keys for Nesika and Tyee.
 (msc Merrill, Randy) Bids for painting the steel on the Multnomah Creek bridge will be solicited and let if they are satisfactory and don't exceed \$13,000. We are buying new towels for Tyee.

History- The Mazamas may be willing to store our materials on a one year trial basis. Our material is now at Virginia's. Virginia inspected the contents of the safe deposit box and described a portion of them to us.

Unfinished Business- The nominating committee plans to meet July 3. We expect a progress report at our August meeting.

New Business- (msc Merrill, Randy) The suggested reimbursement by passengers in car pools will now be \$0.15 per mile per passenger up to a max of \$0.30 per car.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM
 Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Saul

Delivering a monthly *Trail Blazer* to your mailbox and keeping events listings on the website current are huge volunteer commitments. The Publications Committee has been working to streamline and meld the printed *Blazer's* content with the website content for consistency and efficiency. This has led to some process changes that you should know about:

- The new deadline for *Blazer* submissions is noon on the 15th of the month;
- To ensure your submission gets into print in the *Blazer* and is correct, it is best to submit it before the 15th of the month since e-mail servers don't always immediately deliver the message when you click "Send;"
- E-mail your submission to blazer@trailsclub.org – a single message will go to both the editor and the web master;
- If you don't have access to e-mail, you can phone in your submission to the editor at (503) 695-5387;
- Check your submission on the website (www.trailsclub.org) within a day or two after you send it. You should always check your submission for errors and immediately inform the editor and web master via e-mail to blazer@trailsclub.org of any corrections no later than the 18th of the month. You can find your submission on the website by going to the current month and clicking "Next" at the top of the screen;
- If you need to make a change in your event after the *Blazer* has gone to the printer, it still can be updated on the website – send the change to blazer@trailsclub.org;
- You also can submit photos and trip reports for past events so others can learn about TCO activities and see how much fun we have by sending them to blazer@trailsclub.org.

Our goal is to make the *Blazer* production process as easy as possible while maintaining accuracy and completeness of content. Your cooperation in following the steps above is vital to our success. Let's also give a huge "thank you" to Fendall Winston, Randy Dietrich and Karen Yahns for all the time and effort they have contributed to our TCO communications.

Membership Notes

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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History - August 1936 Trail Blazer

Probably the biggest event any Trails Club member will see on his calendar is the Fifth Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs on September 5, 6, and 7 at Nesika. During those three days the Club will be host to representatives from twenty-six different organizations. From ten cities in Washington, six in California, four in Oregon, and one in Montana, they will gather for exchange of ideas, furthering the cause of outdoor clubs and cementing of friendships. It is planned to leave Portland in a caravan the afternoon of September 5 and approach the Lodge by way of Palmer Road. Mr. Waha, Supervisor of Mt. Hood National Forest, has ordered that all bad spots in the road be graveled. Everything is being done to make the affair a success. Your part will be outlined in a letter from the Convention Committee.

A great deal of work on the new dorm was completed at the work trip August 2. Pop, Ed Neubauer, Ken Martin, and "Heinie" Wetterborg installed a new thousand-pound generator, strung wires to the dorm, and almost completed the installation of the lighting system. Ding and Alex added a large amount of flooring to that already laid, Agnes and Herman finished twenty-two bunks and set some of them up. Charlie worked on the porch-railing and a gallant crew of girls carried and piled lumber, swept floors, drove nails, sang lustily and had a grand time withal.

There is still plumbing, flooring; wiring, construction, and cleaning to be done before receiving our guests at Nesika and it will be appreciated if any member who can possibly do so will attend one of the work trips August 23 and 30.

STUDENTS

★ Eric Dietrich, a high school senior from Beaverton High School, was named a **2008 Presidential Scholar** by the U.S. Department of Education. He was one of two Oregon students to receive this distinguished national honor.



Car camping in Eastern Oregon 2008

Aug, 2008

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.

Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open2.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 TCO PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.

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 TCO PO Box.

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