



Trail Blazer

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January 2019

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
----- January -----		
2	Wed	AM Hike - Multnomah Arts Center
8	Tue	Social Committee Meeting. - MMC
8	Tue	Board Meeting - MMC
9	Wed	AM Hike - Friendly House
12	Sat	Night in the White - Tyee
15	Tue	Blazer Deadline
16	Wed	AM Hike - Loc. TBD
23	Wed	AM Hike - Old Spaghetti Factory
30	Wed	AM Hike - Sellwood Riverfront Pk.
----- February -----		
6	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
8-10	Fri-Sun	Kids Free Weekend - Tyee
13	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
15	Fri	Blazer Deadline
16-17	Sat-Sun	Full Moon Snowshoe - Tyee
20	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
22-24	Fri-Sun	Cascade Locks - Herman Cr. SS.
27	Wed	AM Hike - TBD

Scheduling and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org

TRIP FEES: Members: No Fee; Guests \$2

Donations in general will not be refused. They will be put to good use. Remember, this is **your** club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.

Events

Jan. 2 Wed. AM Hike Class A/B

We will meet at the Multnomah Arts Center at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Parking in the back or next to the center. Leader: Chuck Barrows, 503-244-4967, barrows4967@msn.com

Jan 8 Social Committee Meeting - MMC 5:00 - 7:00 pm

The goal is to develop an active Social Committee with the help of volunteers to meet the needs of all ages of the TCO. Also, to develop social activities to include car camping trips, activities for our junior members with the help of a Junior Club Member leader and to plan for the annual Banquet. We will meet in the basement meeting room.

Jan 9 Wed AM Hike Class A/B

We will meet at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave. at Thurman. This will probably be a hill walk to Pittcock Mansion if it is not too muddy. Bring sticks if you use them. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

Jan 12 - 13 "Night in the White" Snow camp - Tyee

Gerda and Allen are hosting a weekend of snow adventure from the safety of Tyee's parking lot. We are encouraging attendee's to spend the night in a tent in the snow in the parking lot at Tyee, with the safe environment of the lodge as a refuge if you become uncomfortable during the night.

After Gerda's fine dinner in the lodge we will gather around a campfire built on the snow, sing songs, make s'mores and prepare for a surprisingly comfortable night in a tent in the snow. Campers will need to bring their own tent, space blanket, two mattresses and a sleeping bag which we will set up on Saturday afternoon.

First time snow-campers and youth are especially welcome. Gerda will host Sat dinner and Sun breakfast.

There is no fee for the camping, but member and guest rates apply for a night's stay (\$25 for adult guests, \$15 for adult members, \$15 for guest children, and \$5 for members' children). We have a family cap – member family pay no more than \$40 for a night, guest families pay no more than \$60 for a night.

Dinner is \$8 for adults and breakfast is \$5 for adults, and kid meals are half price.

YOU MUST RSVP with Gerda by Wed Jan 9 gerdaeck@comcast.net Questions? Contact Allen at burrell@teleport.com or (503) 288-3859.

Jan 16 Wed. AM Hike Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, sueholmes28@yahoo.com Watch web site (or attend previous week's hike) for meeting place.

Jan 23 Wed. AM Hike Class A/B

We will meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 0715 SW Bancroft and hike around southwest. Sticks probably useful. Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest
in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor
activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the
benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are
conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All
Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the
members. Membership requirements include an approved
outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by
two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of
Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: Usually first Tuesday of the month,
7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center,
527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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Jan 30. Wed AM Hike – Class A/B

We will meet at Sellwood Riverfront Park 3 blocks north of
Tacoma. It is the lower park between the river and the rail-
road tracks on SE Oaks Park Way, not the upper park.
Leader: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073,
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Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Wed AM Hikes – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2
to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area,
often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or
call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Feb 8-10 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Kids Free Weekend

Tyee Lodge will open at noon on Friday for the Kids free
weekend. Dorms will be Coed to keep family units togeth-
er. There will be sledding, indoor activities and family fun.
Food will be Potluck. All families are asked to bring food to
add to potluck. If no food is shared we will need to charge
family per meal fees. Parking is on Timberline Road on the
right side of road about a quarter mile up Timberline road.
Parking is shared with Boy Scouts so be early.

Website: [https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/
events/256136835/](https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/256136835/)

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus ser-
vice on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO : From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit,
proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple
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, take
the above exit and instructions

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC): is a common
meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative
functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block
south of Stark St.

Rose Villa: 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is
a common place for club meetings Adventures and
Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on
Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park be-
fore end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right,
turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow
building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow
route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

Target: is a common westside 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 and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot
across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on
routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

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Tryon Creek State Park: sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at at Boone's Ferry Rd split, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near Nature Center.

Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site allows event planners to organize TCO events online and publicize these events to a wider audience. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer. All events posted on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> are automatically added to our new web site.

Use the Calendar menu item for a monthly calendar or use the Activities menu to filter events.

Registration on the web site is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Pay Dues menu item on our web site to use PayPal to pay your dues for 2019, and can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

Oregon Nordic Club Ski Bus - Portland to Teacup. Saturdays, Jan 19, 26

The Portland Oregon Nordic Club (ONC) is sponsoring a cross country ski bus from Portland to Teacup on Saturday Jan. 19 and 26, 2019. The bus departs 7:55 am from Portland (Gateway MAX) or 8:45 am from Sandy (parking lot behind Otto's Ski Shop) to Teacup's 12 miles of groomed trails.

Return to Portland by 5:00 pm. Non-refundable fares: \$15/ONC member; \$20 non-member, \$25 late registration after Jan. 6, 2019. Diagonal XC ski and Skate lessons are available at additional charge.

\$10 donation for grooming at Teacup, payable upon arrival at Teacup.

Registrants need to be 18 years or older. 11-17 year olds can register if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Online registration and trip information at <https://onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus/>

A quick hello from your new Trips board member, Nathen Barton.

I'm a fairly new face in the club and thought I would say hello. I am a father of three boys, two are cub scouts and one boy scout. I love hiking and backpacking and my family likes camping and boating and crabbing and trips and lounging in front of warm fires.

This last weekend I was at Tyee Lodge and I have two stories about that, that end up related. I looked at the recognition boards on the walls of the lodge. The plaques recognized those who hiked the most or won competitions. So many happy memories are condensed down to brass plaques.

The second story is a TCO member said, "Gee I would love bring my crafty friends up here, they would love it". I said, "Ok, let me grab the Tyee calendar and let's pick a weekend for you". Surprised look on her face. "I can do that?" And she can. I love hiking and backpacking, but I also love health, traditional crafting, the arts, and any and all skills related to outdoor living.

I know our membership has many and diverse interests and talents beyond hiking. Please share them with the club!

Did you know that we are about to officially have the lodge open every weekend from January – April? While I love that, I want more – I would like it to be open every weekend!

Please email me at tyeewinter@trailsclub.org if you have an idea for a lodge event, or would like to get trained to become a host at Tyee (and get a key to the door!). Someone commented to me that they loved my energy in the club, but it isn't my energy that has a new spirit in the club, it is yours!

I said the two stories would be related, and here it is. I am here to create new happy memories for myself, my family, and with you! Memories that will be made possible and better with your participation.

So many people have come forward with ideas and the desire to share, but we are just getting started!

30th anniversary of Ding Cannon's Memorial Forest Trees planted to honor 10 Forest Park founders

An untold story of this year's celebration of Forest Park's 70th anniversary is the accounting of G. E. "Ding" Cannons efforts to honor those instrumental in establishing the park. You may ask, how do we know of this?

Several years ago, your Historian attended a memorial service for Dottie Blattner, who joined the club fall of 1954 and in 1995 became a recipient of the Trails Club's Henry Waespe Distinguished Service award. Following her memorial service, held in the West Hills of Portland, Dottie's family donated her Trails Club collection to our archives. In the days to follow, I spent long hours reviewing the humongous donation, which the Committee is still archiving due to so many albums with magnetic (sticky) pages.

Of interest, was a 1987 Senior Outing photo album labeled "Red Meadows" tagged with a foot note - Ding Obit. For me, any mention of Ding Cannon recalls fond memories of TCO Wednesday hikes in Forest Park and deep conversations. His knowledge of and his passion for the park were remarkable, as were his efforts to create it. According to past Executive Director of the Sierra Club, Mike McCloskey, "...the Trails Club of Oregon, led by Cannon, who was then the President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, got Forest Park set aside in Portland..." as the largest contiguous urban park in the nation.

In reviewing the "Red Meadow" album, I not only relived Dottie's outing experience, I became intrigued by her memorial to Cannon. One page toward the end featured an April 1988 Oregonian article written by Ann Sullivan entitled, "Trees honor Forest Park founders." Her blurb announced the planting of a memorial forest, an event planned by Cannon as part of Oregon's Arbor Week celebration. Though Cannon hoped it would become an annual event, he died December of that year and was unable to perpetuate it. However, a recent collection donated by the Blinco heritors, indicates there was at least one more gathering. An Oregonian article entitled "Friends gather to remember 'Ding' Cannon," written by Suzanne Richards, features a photo of George Blinco, Rose Cannon and Karin Goodell, who is planting a Douglas fir tree in honor her late grandfather, G. E. "Ding" Cannon.

It often takes a team to accomplish a goal. As demonstrated here, Ding typically thought of recognizing the efforts of others ahead of his own. His goal; to create a living memorial that recognized ALL those who played significant roles in establishing Forest Park. The original 10 trees planted acknowledged three Trails Club of Oregon (TCO) members:

- Fred Cleator, a U.S. Forest Service employee, who was the first to write about his vision for what we now know as the Pacific Crest Trail
- Paul Keyser, who joined TCO in 1918, was superintendent of Portland parks at the time Forest Park was established
- Dale Cowen, a chairman and treasurer of the Forest Park Committee of Fifty, now the Forest Park Conservancy
- The other seven trees honored private citizens and local government officials to include: Thornton T. Munger, Fred Peterson, Kenneth Cooper, Tom West, Allen Smith, Edmund Hayes, and Coleman Wheeler.

So, what does that Memorial Forest look like today? History Committee member Celine Stroinski and I set out on Nov. 12, 2018 to learn firsthand. The first challenge was finding the trailhead on Springville Road, and then locating the Memorial Forest. According to maps, the task seemed simple. Yet tramping through a wooded area, newly carpeted with fallen leaves, suddenly a description like, "near the intersection of Northwest Springville Road and Leif Erickson Drive," didn't seem quite as clear.

At the known intersection, after searching the skyline, we greeted a few young hikers. They appreciated learning of our historic mission and eagerly agreed to photograph our staged efforts. Lamenting the fact we were not yet successful in completing our mission, we decided not to give up.

Amid the sounds of rustling leaves, we walked further along Leif Erickson Drive until we noticed an old foundation, one that may have been part of a farm house mentioned in an article. Here we ventured off the road to check it out. Hungry, we sat on a short section of foundation, ate our picnic lunch, and studied the nearby hillside covered by a small grove of evergreen trees, all about the same height. After lunch, we explored the perimeter of what appeared to be the alleged memorial forest, tucked in amongst taller leafless deciduous trees.

Feeling confident we'd accomplished our mission, we walked back to the trailhead and drove north on Skyline, meandering through curves of the quiet countryside, extending our time to reflect.

Sylvia L. Milne, TCO Historian



Trails (and Other Stuff) Ahead

June 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Tye Lodge - Are you prepared for the next emergency?

Have you heard of the Cascadia Earthquake? That is the name of the "big one" the pacific northwest will eventually experience, and that we are long overdue for. Did you know that the State of Oregon, and Portland in particular, are almost completely unprepared should it happen in the next decade?

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/watch-opbs-unprepared-documentary-teaser/>

The government says things will be up and running in two weeks. But is that real? OPB's calculations show that my neighborhood is likely to be without power for six weeks. How do you and I prepare for that?

Speaker Avery Horton has been involved in local disaster management training and has many years of experience running the Southwestern Oregon Preppers group. He will give a talk similar to this one he gave earlier this year

<https://coosmediacenter.viebit.com/player.php?hash=B4FAMP3Dkrz8>

As an outdoor club we should be better prepared than the average bear for unexpected camping, so lets get going! All attendees are encouraged to bring pictures or a sample of their preparation ideas to share.

This is a great video showing how the fault is likely to rupture and what makes this quake a big one

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBVKqMel11c>

Is it that difficult to have a two week food supply? Not really.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSgotSS222c>

Save the Date!

Weekend on the McKenzie River Outing June 21-23 (Fri-Sun), Optional Mon 24th

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River.

Two breakfasts and a Saturday campfire dinner will be provided. Saturday there will be a 8 mile loop hike along the McKenzie River to view Sahalie Falls and around Clear Lake.

February 1st will be the first day members can sign up, March 1st for nonmembers. RV sites, tent sites, lodge rooms and a few cabins will be available. Limit of 40 participants.

Contact the outing leader Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net for more information, and watch the Blazer and website for registration instructions.

Conservation Note for January: Sponsor a tree for Nesika reforestation!

The Nesika Committee has made great progress in the work to restore our beautiful lodge, though much work remains to be done. Meanwhile, the devastated forest surrounding Nesika has not been forgotten. Your Conservation Committee has partnered with the Nesika Committee and the US Forest Service to work out a plan for reforestation: which areas are best left alone to come back on their own, which areas it makes sense to plant seedlings to bring the beautiful conifers back sooner. We will plant seedlings which not only are natives, but are best suited to each area of the terrain surrounding Nesika, come from the correct "seed zone," and are likely to optimize the beauty and habitat restoration we seek. But - **we need you!!!** When it comes time for planting, we will need TCO members to sponsor one or more trees with a donation towards purchase of these seedlings, as there is no money in our strained budget for reforestation. Stay tuned, and you will soon hear how you can participate in the restoration of our own forest! And much thanks to USFS silviculturist Chad Atwood, who came on the Nesika hike of December 9, on his own time, for a site visit to plan the reforestation with us.

Wishing you all a beautiful winter season, with much snow to replenish Oregon's waters after our long drought.

For the love of our forests, streams, rivers, and wetlands,
Your Conservation Committee





Left - Frigid fountain at Nesika.

Right - Mike Stupek relaxing after working on the new bench at Bickel Pt.



Letter from the President

Over the last 6 months or so it had become clear that the club needed to direct and hone the archive/history goals. The recommendations of the history committee which had been approved by a previous board a few years ago led to such an expanded scope of focus that the project became too expensive. The bylaws direct the history committee to preserve all TCO publications and record TCO's activities and achievements. Over the last 5 years the committee expanded this to also include FWOC club activities/info, Friends of Columbia River Gorge, other clubs, any info about the gorge including maps, any history of the era after which TCO was founded, and any and all donated personal items from TCO members such as photo albums, awards and memorabilia.

This has resulted in the need for an office rather than just a storage space. This expanded focus also resulted in the inability of the club to access information when we needed it such as history of the Tye lodge. When this was needed recently for Forest service paperwork, the historian had to call another member for the info rather than locate it in the archives.

In addition the history committee expanded their focus to be a social activity aspect of the club, which entails more demands of space and money for which the bylaws do not provide. Though this might be a beneficial activity that many are interested in, the money is just not there. I stressed in the annual meeting that the club has a structure, according to the bylaws, of making decisions. Also the bylaws provide a structure for finances. These two bylaw attributes have been challenged by the history committee without seeking membership input. The bylaws can only be changed by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

I suggested at the annual meeting how the membership could change bylaws for finances and also to direct the history committee. A vote was taken and the membership who wanted to keep the office open were in a minority. The history committee did not want to abide by the membership decision. The board could envision more disagreements continuing as they have in recent years. Though the "no" votes which were the majority did not specify what specific action should be taken, the board saw a need to pause the history committee functions until a more clear structure for the archives and history committee could be agreed upon.

We have closed the office and relocated the archives. We will be working out a way to get more detailed feedback from the membership about how to interpret the bylaws regarding the history committee goals. This has already been a 6 month process but it is not finished. This may take a few months but we will try to facilitate the process as best we can.

(Draft)

**TCO Board Meeting
12/2/18**

Place: Sheryl Wagner's home

Attendees:

Sheryl Wagner, President; Joel Reitz, Vice President; Cindy Lee, Treasurer; Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary; Glen Conrad, Nesika Trustee; Aaron Bech, Tyee Trustee; Lori Leach, Membership Trustee; Randy Dietrich, Publications Trustee; Susan Ashenfelter, Social Trustee;

Beverly Drottar, vp elect; Linda Conrad, social chair elect; Nathen Barton, trips elect; Candace Bonner, conservation

Absent: Raya Budrevich, trips trustee

Called to order at 7:22 PM

November board minutes were accepted

Sheryl moved to appoint Linda Conrad as social chair. We decided to bypass the tradition of restricting members of the same family on the board since no one else had volunteered for the position. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy.

Beginning balance at	10/1/18	44,572.92
Deposits	1,681.25	
Withdrawals.....	(6658.75)	
Ending Balance at	10/29/2018	39,804.50

Insurance increased from about \$2700 last year to \$8839 this year. The fire claim probably caused our carrier to look at our publications. Activities like tractor rides and kids events were factors causing increases.

Nesika's taxes went down from \$3600 to \$2537 this year due to the timber and structures we lost in the fire.

Tyee's taxes increased by \$42.

With the increases in insurance and Tyee's lease, we are now in the red. We need to trim everything we can.

Conservation: Candace

Replanting: A Klamath study showed conifers come back after a fire without replanting.

We plan to replant around Nesika for aesthetics and to add some pine to increase diversity in light of climate change. We are in contact with a USFS person about replanting. He was interested in doing a site visit to help us decide how heavily to replant. A number of types of seedlings are sold out and suppliers are selling out quickly. We may plant about 5 acres in accessible areas around the lodge. (May be about 425 trees per acre.)

Candace will continue to talk with the Forest Service. We will start collecting money for seedlings. We hope to have a tree planting in 2019.

Nesika: Glen

The trails are open again. A group hiked into the lodge to check the trail. Overall, it is no more dangerous than hiking

in during winter. We still need to call for access in order to drive in. The lodge is still in the closed area. USFS worked on the problem with the road. They added rock and improved it, though it's still a little muddy. We need to continue to encourage them to improve the road since it is part of the trail system.

Tyee: Aaron

1 gallon of antifreeze is left. There may be a problem with the switch on the hot water heater.

The supply list is old and too exhaustive. It needs streamlining. Aaron should be informed when we need supplies.

Membership: Lori

23 members paid dues via PayPal. We will send paper reminders out to others. It was suggested to make dues automatic every year. We need to look at vendors that will provide that service.

Lori suggested sending out a membership notice to those who didn't renew last year, offering to overlook the past year's nonpayment. Without paper Blazers, we no longer get validation of addresses, so we are missing address changes.

Lori moved to send out a notice that we waive last year's dues, late fees and reinstatement fees to those who want to pay dues this year to maintain membership. Seconded by Beverly. Passed unanimously.

We have 350 members.

Publications: Randy

The website has transitioned. It moved to Bluehost and went to a Wordpress based website.

Over the holidays we should look at the new site so we can discuss it in January. Send comments to webmaster@trailsclub.org.

Trips: Raya absent

Will need to discuss reducing lodge fees for Scouts and/or other youth groups in January.

Social: Susan none

Old Business:

History office. Our new insurance leaves no money for the office's rent. We discussed what we should do about it.

Susan moved that the board change the locks on the History office, not renew the lease and communicate with landlord that we will have 1 key only issued to the president. Glenn seconded it. Passed with 6 in favor and 2 abstentions.

We discussed the appointment by the President of a new history committee chair and committee members with board approval. The board concurred that a change would establish a more productive committee with a more positive relationship to the board.

Adjourned at 9:17

Next meeting January 8, 2019 at Mazamas.

About-to-be Ex-Editor's Note - Over the last four years (plus one issue) I have mostly enjoyed being Blazer editor, but it's time to go. Thanks to Randy Dietrich and Joan Miller during my "training wheels" phase and thanks to the many TCO members who provided content. I hope you found the Blazer worth the time you spent reading it.

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes and snowshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities. Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge involving 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.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

Editor: Philip S. Crosby

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to:
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