



# Trail Blazer

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February 2019

## Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
----- February -----		
1-3	Fri-Sun	Crafting weekend at Tye
5	Tue	Social Committee Meeting. - MMC
5	Tue	Board Meeting - MMC
6	Wed	AM Hike - Laurelhurst
8-10	Fri-Sun	Kids Free Weekend - Tye
13	Wed	AM Hike—Portsmouth Park
15	Fri	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>
16-17	Sat-Sun	Full moon snowshoe at Tye
20	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
22-24	Fri-Sun	2 scout groups at Tye
23	Sat	ALDHA Ruck - Cascade Locks
27	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
----- March -----		
1-3	Fri-Sun	John Day Back Pack
6	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
8-10	Fri-Sun	Food drying and nutrition class - Tye
13	Wed	AM Hike - TBD
15	Fri	<b>Blazer Deadline</b>
15-17	Sat-Sun	Deschutes River Back Pack
15-17	Sat-Sun	Full Moon Snowshoe - Tye
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](http://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.

## Events

### Feb 1-3 (Fri-Sun) Crafting weekend at Tye lodge – Pine Needle Basketry & Rope Baskets

Celeste is hosting a family friendly crafting weekend that focuses on using natural materials that can normally be found on the forest floor. She will be teaching basic pine needle basketry and for a simpler skill set, coiled rope basketry.

On Saturday, we will learn about what pine needles work best. Weather permitting, we will take a short hike that day to identify some nearby trees with the best needle. After that, we will learn how to prep them, and begin with the weaving process.

On Sunday, we will finish up our baskets and learn how to

preserve them.

By the end of the weekend, you will have a small basket and the knowledge to go out and create your own.

There is a small tool involved, so please RSVP so Celeste knows how many tools and pine needles to bring.

HOWEVER, you do not have to craft to enjoy the lodge this weekend. Come up and snowshoe, sled, or just enjoy the scenery from the warmth of the lodge. Susan A. is likely to be the cook for the weekend, and I can personally attest to the quality of her cooking. You will eat well!. Dinners are \$8 and breakfast and lunches are \$5. Kids under 12 are half price.

Please RSVP to: [tyeewinter@trailsclub.org](mailto:tyeewinter@trailsclub.org)

### Feb 5 Tue TCO Social Committee Meeting

Much progress was made. We now have event leaders for Single adults, wheel chair hikes, hike and dine, crafts, we are planning our annual Banquet which will be potluck and hopefully dancing; line dancing, square dancing, ? Looking for a caller to volunteer, and youth parent event leaders combined with scouting. Please come help enhance our club by creating great events.

### Feb 6 Wed AM Hike – Class A/B

Laurelhurst neighborhood (Class A)

This mostly level morning walk through neighborhoods and parks, including the duck ponds at the city park, is all on pavement. We will walk for 2 hours, about 5 miles.

There are numerous ethnic restaurants for lunch on 28th Street, as well as the Laurelhurst movie theater on Burnside, which has pizza and beverages and usually some good movies for your afternoon delight. The hike will be completed by 12 noon, the movie is not included with the hike, just a suggestion.

Meeting: 9:15am at 28th and Burnside Whole Foods parking lot for a 9:30am departure. (restroom inside the store) please park on a side street if possible.

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214

### Feb 8-10 (Fri-Sun)Tye Kids Free Weekend

Tye Lodge will open at noon on Friday for the Kids free weekend. Dorms will be Coed to keep family units together. 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/>

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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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**Meeting Places**

**Friendly House** NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service 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 before 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](http://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 Payment 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.

**Feb 13 Wed AM Hikes – Class A/B**

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM at the corner of N. Stanford Av. and N. Princeton St. at Portsmouth Park in St. Johns. Please arrive a few minutes early for announcements and to be ready to begin on time. We will hike approximately 4.5 miles through the St. Johns neighborhood and the University of Portland campus.

Weather permitting, this will be a historical interpretive hike a replay of one Ken Kane first led five years ago. Expect it to last between 2.5 and 3 hours.

Leader: Ken Kane: ken@woodbloom.com, 503.522.9997

**Feb 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Full moon snowshoeing from Tyee Lodge**

Tyee Lodge will be open from Saturday to Monday. Saturday night Julia Mace will lead a night snowshoe under a nearly full moon up the Westleg road towards Timberline Lodge. Sunday night Sheryl Wagner will organize a night snowshoe. This event is bring-your-own-snowshoes!

Exact lodge open and closing times will be updated later or contact the hosts for more details.

There is no fee for the snowshoe, 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 member's 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.

\*\*\* To pay in advance, please Paypal money to: TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org (I am the Tyee Lodge Coordinator) and either make sure the details like which night are you staying and who is in your party is in the paypal info box, or follow up with an email to me to confirm.

The lodge has limited capacity, so I have to make sure we don't overbook \*\*\*

It is likely the lodge will be pretty busy for this event, in which case we will provide meals. \$8 for dinner, \$5 for lunch/breakfast, children are half price. Check back in shortly before the event to confirm this. Otherwise we have a full kitchen and you can bring and prepare your own meals.

The lodge sleeps 22 in the men's dorm and 22 in the women's dorm. We have electricity/full kitchen/flush toilets.

The TCO is a community – we clean up together and restock the firewood together and play board games together and meals generally are a community event. Please play well with others. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, we have mattresses.

Your spot is not reserved until your night(s) are paid for. Cancel at least 10 days in advance for a full refund, or before the event for a 50% refund.

Host Sat and Sunday host: Julia Mace  
Sunday night and Monday host: Sheryl Wagner

Please email me at: TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org or message me here if you have questions.

**Feb 20 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:

Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, sueholmes28@yahoo.com

**Feb 22-24 (Fri-Sun) – Two Scout groups at Tyee**

Tyee is open to members while the scouts are using the lodge.

**Feb 23 Sat – American Long Distant Hiking Association – West RUC**

American Long Distance Hiking Association – West. Links:<http://www.aldhawest.org/event> for registration.

3146174 <http://www.aldhawest.org/Rucks>

Go to the ALDHA West and sign up. You can use the RUCKYEAH password if you are a member of the Trails Club to get a discount.

What the "Ruck"?

Ruck is the German word for Backpacking, and has been used through the trail community as a name for an event that helps you get out and backpack.

This day-long event is designed for all sorts of backpackers (from novice to expert) to prepare themselves for the hiking season. The primary focus is on attendees looking to set out on their first long distance hike be it on the Camino de Santiago, Pacific Crest, Continental Divide, Timberline, Wonderland, or John Muir Trail.

Whether you are on trail for a few days or several months, if you're hiking this summer, this is the event to attend! In 2019, ALDHA-West will be hosting Rucks in Idaho, Oregon, California and Colorado. See each event link for more information.

**Feb 27, Mar 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 each week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

**Mar 1-3 (Fri-Sun) John Day Backpack**

We will meet at Wal-Mart to car pool to Cottonwood Canyon State Park. Friday we will hike down the south east shore of John Day river as a day hike out and back. Then hike 1.5 miles up the North West shore of the river to camp Friday night. If people want to join us Saturday morning we can meet people at the trail head to the North/West side of the bridge. We will then hike 3.5 miles down river to the Pinnacles we will camp on the banks of the John Day River Saturday night. Sunday we will hike 3.5 miles back to the cars. Signup for this event on Meetup.

**Mar 8-10 (Fri-Sun) Tyee food drying weekend**

We will dry food this weekend with others who enjoy backpacking. We will discuss foods to dry and nutrition on the trail. We will make hiking plans for the year. We will also sew rain skirts and shoe covers. Food for the weekend is potluck. Bring sewing machine and food driers. Nathen will have mylar bags and oxygen absorbers for a

small cost, along with a heat sealer. He is happy to also talk about dry canning. We will open the lodge on Friday at noon. Food drying can begin on Friday. Sunday will be a membership hike in the area. Please come and enjoy a weekend with backpackers sharing meal ideas. To register go to Trails Club of Oregon Meet-up site. Cost will be \$8.00 for dinner, \$7.00 for lunch and \$5.00 for breakfast plus lodge fees. If you have questions call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787. Signup for this event on Meetup.

Signup for these events on Meetup:

**Mar 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Full moon snowshoe at Tyee**

**Mar 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Deschutes River Backpack**

**Mar 22-24 (Fri-Sun) Herman Creek Backpack**

### A word from your Trips committee!

Have you noticed that Tyee Lodge is getting more active? Are you interested in having an activity there but the weekend you wanted is already busy? Or were you interested in spending time there but you didn't want to participate in the published activity?

If you would like to have an event at the lodge during a weekend that already has an event, the lodge is probably big enough to share! Send me an email [tyeewinter@trailsclub.org](mailto:tyeewinter@trailsclub.org) and I will try to work it out.

### May 20-23 (Mon-Thur) - Leslie Gulch Car Camp

Gregg Baker will be the outing leader and Brian Carlson will be his assistant. Our main activity will be hiking in the Leslie Gulch Owyhee River area. Portland to Leslie Gulch is 460+ miles. The outing will be limited to 10 campers due to limited campsites. Fees are \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. We plan to camp at a BLM site overlooking the Snake River on May 20th and arrive at Slocum Creek Campground on May 21st. There are only 10 non-reservable sites at Slocum so an alternate camping area is some 28 miles away at a primitive site at Succor Creek Natural Area. Nice pit toilets are available but campers will need to bring their own water. Campers will be responsible for their own breakfast and lunch and we will group prepare our shared dinners. Campsite hazards include ticks, rattlesnakes and goat-head weed seeds. Goatheads are hazardous to mattresses, tires and bare feet; a mattress repair kit is suggested. A visit to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center or the Baker Heritage Museum could be scheduled for May 23rd. Kayakers could extend the trip on either end by camping and kayaking at the Lake Owyhee State Park. For more information email Gregg Baker at: [bookmann@comcast.net](mailto:bookmann@comcast.net). Mail your fees along with your completed application/liability and medical forms by April 22 to: Trails Club of Oregon, P O Box 67095, Portland, OR 97268. See our web site for forms and more details.

### June 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Tyee 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-ops-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>

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

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 14 th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126), has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at [www.belknaphotsprings.com](http://www.belknaphotsprings.com) for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, guided whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs.

The outing is Fri. and Sat. nights, with an option of Sun. night on your own. Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat. appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri. night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7+ mile loop hike Sat. to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

LODGING OPTIONS (per night, not including 9.8% tax):

Tent sites for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$30

RV sites/no sewer are \$35 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person)

RV sites w/ sewer are \$40 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person)

(Limited) Cabin prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$175 for 2 people to \$275 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person)

Lodge rooms range from \$115 for 2 people to \$140 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person)

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OTHER FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children under age 12.

TO REGISTER (\*registration opens Feb 1st for TCO members and March 1st for nonmembers):

- 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net) to inquire about lodging availability;
- 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095, Portland, OR 97268. These forms can be downloaded from our web site.
- 3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 13th and is nonrefundable unless someone is on a waiting list and wants your spot.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people.

TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing.

You will be notified when your deposit and forms are received, and your \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.

### Conservation Note for February: Greater Hells Canyon Council

Every Trails Club member has had the good fortune to hike or camp or climb or swim/raft/canoe/kayak in one of the most beautiful places on Earth, the Pacific Northwest. Many of the places we enjoy remain vulnerable, or have newly become vulnerable. Each month we will have a note featuring one or two organizations working to protect our natural places, and ways to support them, or a note about conservation actions in one of these special places. We hope every Trails Club member will choose to participate in some conservation effort or activity that matches your time available and your interests. As climate change progresses, it is ever more urgent to "Love it (and fight to protect it) or Lose it!"

This month's featured organization is the Greater Hell's Canyon Council (GHCC.) This organization was born out of the 1960s fight to prevent a 670 ft dam from being built on the Snake River in Hell's Canyon. The nine year battle was eventually won in the Supreme Court, and led to the establishment of the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area, and perhaps more importantly, broke the back of the movement to harness the power of the wild rivers of the PNW with dams, rather than protect them for their beauty, wildlife, and environmental value.

GHCC continues to watch over 400 million acres in NE Oregon, extending into Washington and Idaho, from Oregon's Elkhorn Mountains to Idaho's Seven Devils, from the Blue Mountains to the Wallawas, including Hell's Canyon and the Snake River. This encompasses Wallowa Lake, LeGore Lake, Eagle Cap Wilderness, multiple mountain peaks higher than 9,000 ft, and the largest area of continuous alpine and subalpine terrain in Oregon. This area has some of the greatest geologic diversity and biologic diversity in our state.

One of GHCC's current focuses is their Wild Connections initiative, which focuses on the lands and waters between the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness and Hells Canyon. GHCC works with scientist partners to identify the most crucial corridors for wildlife movement and migration—both at present and in the face of climate change. They are listening to the concerns and priorities of collaborators old and new, including landowners, BLM, National Forest Service, Tribes and The Nature Conservancy, to put together an overall conservation strategy, and provide for this crucial wildlife corridor.

What you can do to support GHCC:

- First and foremost – just get out there and visit the region! As we see more and more of our beloved Cascade Range become crowded with outdoor enthusiasts, remember that we have another half of the state that has much less recreational usage. Appreciating the natural features of this region brings an appreciation for what we all have out here, and that in turn brings a sense that we need to protect it.

You can also:

- Report any damages you see in public lands – remember, 4 million acres is a huge area to protect, and they depend upon the eyes and ears of many to cover it for them. <https://www.hellscanyon.org/report-damages>
- Provide comment on issues that require an organized eco-defense effort – they provide a summary here: <https://www.hellscanyon.org/what-we-do>
- Support their new Wild Connections campaign.
- Join them! <https://www.hellscanyon.org/join>

Wishing you all a beautiful winter season, with much snow to replenish Oregon's waters after our long drought! Do not forget you have the special opportunity to sponsor one or more trees for the reforestation of our own beloved Nesika property. You can make a donation for one or more seedlings for our March planting through [Trees for Nesika](#) with the Payments button on our web site.

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



Left—Westleg Road has been groomed this year so the sledding, skiing, and snowshoeing are great.

Above—Allen Burrell on “Night in the White” weekend.

### From the Publications Chair

My thanks to Phil Crosby, our past editor for an amazing job producing the Blazer for the last four years. As the Publications Chair I wanted to know first hand what it takes to be the editor, so I am taking on this issue. I do not have the time to be the editor and the webmaster, so I am looking for a volunteer to be the Blazer editor. Please contact me if you are interested at: [PublicationsChair@trailsclub.org](mailto:PublicationsChair@trailsclub.org). You need to have computer competency and a copy of Microsoft Publisher (or other layout tool), and time between the 15th and 20th of each month.

I hope everyone has had a chance in the last few months to go to our new website. I have been working to make the web site more informative and accessible to members looking for events or information. The event calendar can be viewed as a month calendar or a list, and can be filtered for different activities. The web site also has a “Payment” button to pay dues, join, make a donation, or request a lodge key (only visible to members). Many users have also noticed that our web site is much easier to find with search engines. Or just type in “trailsclub.org”.

Joel Reitz



### TREES FOR NESIKA

If you hurry you can still sponsor a tree for the replanting at Nesika. Go to our website and click on the <Payments> menu button. There is a link to allow you do donate for Trees for Nesika. We will be purchasing the trees February 9th at the Weyerhauser auction. Replanting will be a Trails Club event in March. Stay tuned for the planting event but donate now. Excess funds will go to the Nesika Recovery Fund. USFS silviculturist Chad Atwood hiked in to Nesika on December 9, on his own time, for a site visit to plan the reforestation with us.

### TCO Board Meeting

1/8/19

Place: Mazama’s

Attendees:

Sheryl Wagner, President; Joel Reitz, Publication; Cindy Lee, Treasurer; Rebecca Knudeson,

Secretary; Glen Conrad, Nesika Trustee; Aaron Bech, Tye Trustee; Linda Conrad, social chair;

Nathen Barton, trips trustee

Absent: Beverly Drottar, vice president; Lori Leach, Membership Trustee

Others: Kim Knudeson, Phil Crosby, Nina Rohrs. Geert Aerts

Called to order at 7 PM

December board minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Cindy**

Beginning balance,.....11/1/18: .....\$42340.15  
 Deposits:.....\$1847.79  
 Withdrawals:.....\$17,595.2  
 Ending balance,..... 11/30/18: .....\$26,592.78

**Nesika, Glen**

The lodge is still inside the closed area as is everything east of Larch Mt trail. We can hike in since we have a permit to access the lodge. On a membership hike, 2 new members signed up. On the weekend before New Years, 3 new members signed up. Iron Mt. Tree wants to do several trips to cut slabs from downed trees. The financial arrangement with Iron Mt. hasn't been specified. Besides general maintenance, the tree salvaging will be the main focus of this year's work trips.

**Tyee, Aaron**

Working on getting supplies stabilized. We are missing one of our two supply sleds.

**Membership, Lori** sent report by email

First reading:

- Tina Palaoro, Milwaukie. Sponsored by Cynthia Lee and Glen Conrad
- Rachel Eggers, Milwaukie. Sponsored by Cynthia Lee and Glen Conrad
- Patrice Morris, Portland. Sponsored by Glen Conrad and Inge Winters
- Sarah Loo Chan, Portland. Sponsored by Marian Trythal and Ann McKinney
- Thomas J. Lehman, Corbett
- Christian Becerra. Sponsored by Cynthia Lee and Glen Conrad
- Guy Meacham, Boring. Sponsored by Jeff Lawton and Linda Conrad

Dues reminder will go out 1/12-13.

Discussed the contact system on our website.

**Publications, Joel**

He has continued to work on the website. Bylaws and articles of incorporation are on it. We can no longer sign in as "clubmember." Discussed the event organizers on our Meetup site. Need to make sure they are TCO members. We don't have an editor as of January. Joel is willing to do it on a short term basis. It takes about 8-12 hours a month. The editor needs to have Microsoft Publisher. We will post the need for volunteer on website and in the next Blazer.

**Trips, Nathen**

Tyee has been open every weekend since Christmas and is scheduled every weekend into April.

Need to clarify that the lodge is open to members even if an event is scheduled.

**Social, Linda**

Next Social Committee Meeting will be at 5:00 PM at Mazama Mountaineering Center February 5th in basement Annual Banquet will be June 2nd hopefully at the Mazama Mountaineering Center. To keep costs down we will have Potluck. All attendees will be requested to bring one main dish to feed 4-6 and a salad or desert. All attendees will be

requested to pay a minimal fee to cover costs. We will be providing our own entertainment in the form of dancing; square or line dancing. We will also have an auction.

Committees Developed at the Meeting:

1. Active Singles Group. Leader: Geert Aerts: phone: 360-921-3476; They will be planning bike trips, hikes, and lodging trips. If you are interested in assisting call Geert Aerts.
2. Arts and Crafts Group: Leader: Celeste Phone: 503-234-1204; Ideas: needle basketry; rope basketry; soap making; charcoal drawings; watercolors; candles; photography; dutch oven cooking; food drying; knitting; crocheting; sewing of rain skirts, gators, hiking skirts, tarps. If you would like to assist with crafts please call Celeste.
3. Wheelchair outings: Phil Crosby: Phone: 503-636-1853
4. Youth and parent Outings: Susan Ashenfelter: phone: 503-453-5762 and Nathan Barton: phone: 972-207-5749; This would include hikes for teens, WII night at Tyee, Video Game night at Tyee, Educational hikes like tree identification. Some of these outings will include scout groups.
5. Dog Hikes: Coordinator needed. Please call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 if you are interested in leading this group.
6. Hike and Dines at Tyee: Dates to be decided. Coordinator is Nancy Overpeck. If you are interested in cooking for a Hike and Dine or assisting at a Hike and Dine please call Nancy Overpeck: 360-836-5464. Watch Blazer and Meet Up site. Currently cooking volunteers include; Namhea Lew for June, Nancy Overpeck for July, Kathy Pollock for August, Gerda Eck for October. It appears that September may still be open for Hike and Dine Cook.
7. Picture Nights are still being discussed. If you would like to volunteer to head this group please call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787

**New Business**

investment fund: need to get information from our manager about our rate of growth.

May need to call a special meeting of the membership to determine how to use the investment fund to get through this year in light of increased insurance bill.

Memorial Fund committee: Nathen Barton and Linda Conrad volunteered to serve on it.

Discussed the need for a visioning process.

Trees for Nesika

\$.57-.75 a tree. Weyerhauser has their last sale on Feb. 9. Joel will put a link on our website to donate \$1/tree. Our goal is 1000 trees. We will include a message that excess funds will go to Nesika restoration. Cindy will pick up the trees.

Motion For Scout group use of lodges: \$5 per cub scout for the next 4 months, adults normal fee. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Feb 5 at Mazamas

Adjourned at 9:05

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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](mailto: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.

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