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# Trail Blazer

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March 2019

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April			
2	Tues	Board Meeting	
3	Wed	AM Hike - TBD	
10	Wed	AM Hike - TBD	
13-14	Sat-Sun	Siouxin Creek Back Pack	
15	Mon	Blazer Deadline	
17	Wed	AM Hike - TBD	
20	Sat	Knife Sharpening Classes, Tyee	
24	Wed	AM Hike - TBD	
26-28	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip	
26-28	Fri-Sun	Bring a Friend to Tyee Weekend	

# 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.

#### **Events**

# Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday Morning Hikes – Class A/B

We begin 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 the website 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. 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. Meals will be potluck. Lodge fees apply. If you have questions call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787. Signup for this event on Meetup.

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

We will meet at Wal-Mart and car pool to Macs Canyon. We will hire car shuttle. Cost will be \$25-\$35 per person. Friday, Day 1: Hike 6 miles down river from Macs Canyon. Saturday, Day 2: Hike to Harrison Ranch and determine where we will camp. Rumor has it that the ranch burnt down! Sunday, Day 3: Hike out 10 to 11 miles to mouth of Deschutes River. This is a beautiful hike. We may see mountain sheep, deer, bear, raccoons, etc. Signup for this event on Meetup.

#### Mar 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Full Moon Snowshoe at Tyee

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

Note: To participate, you must RSVP to host Sheryl Wagner, drwagnernd@gmail.com with the night(s) you are staving.

Exact lodge open and closing times will be updated later or contact leader for details. Details of how Tyee Lodge events work and what you can expect are posted here <a href="https://www.blingyourband.com/blog/trails-club-of-oregon-tyee-lodge-details/">https://www.blingyourband.com/blog/trails-club-of-oregon-tyee-lodge-details/</a>

There is no fee for the snowshoeing, but member and guest rates apply for a night's stay (\$25 for adult guests,

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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.

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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): 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.

**Target:** 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.

**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 the 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 website (<a href="www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a>), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

All events posted on the TCO Meetup site at: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/">https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/</a> 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. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

# Events, Continued...

\$15 for adult members, \$15 for guest children, and \$5 for member's children). We have a family cap — member families pay no more than \$40 for a night, guest families pay no more than \$60 for a night.

The club is will providing meals. \$8 for dinner, \$5 for lunch/breakfast, children are half price.

#### Mar 19 (Tues) "The Best Kept Secrets of Wildfire"

Ralph and the Crag Law Center have spent almost two decades working for conservation of our forests and wild areas in the Pacific Northwest, and working in conservation education. Ralph will be presenting a program in March, "The Best Kept Secrets of Wildfire."

Location: Patagonia, 1106 W. Burnside St., Portland.

Doors at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7pm. Food and drink provided.

# Mar 22-24 (Fri-Sun) Cascade Locks to Herman Creek Backpack

We will meet at Walmart at 8:00AM Friday morning to arrange car shuttle to Herman Creek. Friday we will hike from Cascade Locks to Herman Creek. Set up camp at the junction with Gorton Creek. For those who want to join us Saturday morning, we will hike up to Herman Creek exploring the different fire zones. Sunday we will decide whether to do a day hike or hike a mile and a half out to the cars.



#### From the Social Chair:

March 5th (Tues. Evening) Social Committee Meeting. Meeting will start at 5:00 PM in the down stairs main area of Mazama Mountaineering Center. We will continue planning the Banquet, schedule youth/parent outing, singles committee, Hike and Dine, and see if anyone will volunteer to head Picture Night. Come join us. We have two musicians and a dance caller to make for a fun evening. Banquet will be June 2nd. Time to be decided. Linda Conrad

Annual Banquet: June 2nd, 2019. Place: To be decided. Activity: Dancing, we have attained a caller and small band to dance to. He will be calling beginning square dancing and line dancing. We are still working on getting the Mazama Mountaineering Center. If not, then the committee will start working on another site. St. Philips Neri Church has been requested. We will contact them soon to see if they are open the weekend of the 2nd of June. Also, the Banquet will be potluck. We are hoping to keep cost at \$20 or less.

Hike and Dine: The last weekend of the month starting in June at Tyee. Coordinated by Nancy Overpeck. Cooks are as follows: June: Namhea Lu, July: Nancy Overpeck, Aug: Kathy Pollock. We are still looking for someone for Sept. and October. If you would like to cook for Hike and Dine then please call Nancy Overpeck: 360-836-5464. She would also like to have someone volunteer to take reservations.

Cost of Hike and Dine: \$20.00. This includes the day fee for Tyee and the cost of dinner at Tyee with these great cooks. If you want to spend the night an additional lodge fee is required with free breakfast provided.

**Adventures in Travel**: We are still looking for a coordinator for this social event in the club. If you are interested in volunteering to run this event let me know. Linda Conrad at: 360-907-5096. Please text me.

Holiday lodge openings: I am looking for someone to put on a 4th of July at Tyee or Nesika, Labor Day at Nesika or Tyee, Halloween party at Nesika, Thanksgiving party at Nesika. Glen and I will do New Years at Nesika as usual. Glen and I will open Nesika for Memorial Weekend; Friday through Monday with daily hikes. Food will be potluck and sleeping will be tenting with a few people in lodge.

We are working on developing <u>monthly youth events</u> and a <u>singles group</u> has also been requested. We will announce meetings for these sub groups for organization.



#### 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 we will group prepare our shared dinners. Campsite hazards include ticks, rattlesnakes and goathead 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. 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-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 <a href="https://coosmediacenter.viebit.com/player.php?hash=B4FAMP3Dkrz8">https://coosmediacenter.viebit.com/player.php?hash=B4FAMP3Dkrz8</a>

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. A great video showing how the fault is likely to rupture and what makes this quake a big one: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBVKqMel11c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBVKqMel11c</a> Is it that difficult to have a two week food supply? Not really, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSqotSS222c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSqotSS222c</a>

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 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)

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 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 here: Mckenzie River Weekend Outing-Form-C-and-D-Participant-Application-and-Medical-Form
- 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 March:**

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 we feature Crag Law Center, by presenting an article written by Ralph Bloemers of the Crag Law Center. Ralph and the Crag Law Center have spent almost two decades working for conservation of our forests and wild areas in the Pacific Northwest, and working in conservation education. Ralph will be presenting a program on March 19th, "The Best Kept Secrets of Wildfire." (See Events section for details, Page 3)

# "Challenging Our Beliefs to Meet the Challenges of Wildfire"

By Ralph Bloemers, Crag Law Center

The forests of Oregon provide a place of renewal, peace and tranquility. I love the verdant green of Pacific Northwest forests and the diversity of habitats found here. I share this love with my family and my friends, and I bet you do too. I have spent countless hours in these forests with scientists, firefighters and wildlife biologists. I have also spent countless hours in the courtroom and in congress advocating for the protection of these public lands.

We recently experienced intense fires in the West, including one in our own backyard. The Eagle Creek fire burned through a large area of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The news reports told us that 50,000 acres were destroyed by fire.

After rains came and put the fire out, I took to the air, to the ground and have spent hundreds of hours in the forests and communities affected by it. I have listened to people's stories, spent time with people in the community who were evacuated and brought in experts to help the community heal and helped tell their stories through film. I have also taken time off work to join with other volunteers to rebuild popular hiking trails in the gorge. This is really hard work and really rewarding too. I have seen first hand how the land-scape is rapidly rebounding and contributing to the recovery.



Last year's fires in California have resulted in the loss of many lives and homes, and shook us to our cores. These events have forced me to question my own beliefs about forests and fire, why we got here, how our views are shaped and how we might learn to better co-exist with fire.

Fire is powerful. Fire is elemental. Fire can and does destroy homes. Our safety is paramount. I have friends who have been evacuated and lost their homes.

For decades, forest managers, the timber industry and politicians have promised us that they can reduce the extent of fire across the landscape but, of course, they have not and cannot deliver. Yet they continue to promise it just like they promise everyone the American dream.

The good news is that both nature and our elders possess great wisdom and knowledge. We just need to listen and heed the solutions they offer.

Let's start by exploring the natural, beneficial role of fire. Thick-bark Douglas firs and Ponderosa pine are adapted to fire. These trees survive intense wildfires. White bark pine trees only release seeds when fire moves through, germinating thousands of young seedlings per acre after fire. Old growth forests offer animals wonderful homes, yet for birds like black-backed woodpeckers, Clark's nutcrackers, and owls – a burned forest is a vast supermarket of tasty treats. Abundant light to the forest floor provides a free-for all generating new life. Of the 50,000 acres that burned in the Gorge, only 17%, about 8,000 acres, burned intensely and even those forests are emerging gorgeous. Fire is to forests, what floods are to rivers - a force of renewal.

For millennia native peoples co-existed with fire, they used fire to create berry fields, grasslands for basket making, maintain open areas for game – they worked with not against fire. And when settlers came west, that wisdom was nearly extinguished. For the past century we have engaged in a never ending and escalating war on fire. We believe we can control fire – just bring in the bulldozers and the super tankers. We continue to think we can manage forests and alter fire behavior over vast landscapes – just bring in the logging equipment. These actions come at significant cost to natural systems, and they are not working.

Learning to co-exist with fire forces us to examine our dominant cultural norms about fire. We have to accept that

# Conservation Note, Continued...



forests will burn and no amount of effort to alter vegetation across large landscapes is going to change this fact. Because fire is an emotional issue with deeply rooted cultural beliefs, it is going to test our ability to challenge conventional wisdom and chart a rational course. Yet we have no choice but to rethink our approach to wildfire. While fires are good for wild forests we still need to protect human structures from the flames and wind-driven embers.

The good news is that forest scientists and fire experts like Jack Cohen have worked with the insurance industry to test the best methods for fireproofing homes and removing flammable materials immediately around them to create defensible space. Los Angeles is a leader in encouraging fire-safe principles for homes. As a result, the La Tuna fire burned only 5 of the nearly 1,400 homes in its path. The five that burned either escaped annual monitoring for defensible space or had not been updated with

ember-proof vents—that is, they could have been saved. Study after study has shown that protected forests are more likely to withstand fire, and that clearcut areas are more likely to increase big, hot fires. Top scientists tell us that older forests are the best buffers against climate change as they continue to add biomass (carbon) as they age. Fire and other natural disturbances do not cause a major loss in carbon from sites, if not followed by post-fire logging. Logging remains the major source of carbon loss in the Pacific Northwest and other parts of the West. By requiring longer rotations for those areas designated for harvesting trees and retaining larger areas in older forests we can store more carbon in our forests.

Thinning forests to reduce the chance of big fires in the Westside of the cascades is not likely to be successful because climatic warming is likely to favor increased outbreaks of fire and it is impossible to thin and clear fuels away fast enough and broadly enough to have any major effect because they just grow back.

We can, however, focus our attention and resources on our homes and in the immediate areas around homes. Retrofitting homes is highly likely to be effective at protecting those homes from fire. We can also limit actions that degrade forests, water supplies and increase fire risk across the landscape, namely logging. We also need to re-align the Smokey Bear PR campaign with our latest forest fire science, his message would be: Only YOU can protect your homes and communities from burning. And he would tell us more about how we can use careful thinning in priority areas and prescribed fire for its benefits.

**What you can do:** Attend Ralph's March 19 presentation at Patagonia to learn more about Crag Law Center's work in conservation and conservation education, and how you can get involved.



#### 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 have purchased the trees. 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.



# **Board Meeting**

# TCO Board Meeting 2/5/19

A Brief Report from the Secretary, Feb. 8, 2019 The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Next meeting: March 5, 7 PM at Mazamas

#### Treasurer's report by email:

Beginning balance,	.12/1/18:	\$26,592.78
Deposits:		\$2,500.00
Withdrawals:		\$9,843.27
Cleared Ending balance	e,12/31/18	3:\$19,245.51.

#### Tyee report via email

After our insurance company inspected Tyee, we received several safety steps we must take within 30 days: fire extinguishers serviced and tagged (annually); water heater secured and surrounding area cleared; lighted exit signs. Joel will purchase and see that 12 exit signs are installed.



# **Featured Creature**

This time of year, those flocks of robins you see in your neighborhood could be a lot more interesting, if you look closely. Some of their interesting relatives may be mixing with their more cosmopolitan cousins. Varied thrushes tend to stay in densely forested areas most of the year, but winter weather sends them down in elevation and out into suburban and urban yards where they mix in with robins until warmer weather returns.

# 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 and I will try to work it out.



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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: Dave Hays

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to: webmaster@trailsclub.org