



Trail Blazer

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EVENTS

April 2, 5-7 PM – Social Committee Meeting
7-9 PM – Board Meeting

Social Committee: We now have three events coming up we could use some help with; Easter Egg Hunt on April 21st, Banquet and dance on June 2nd and Advanced Outdoor First Aid Class at Tyee on June 22nd. Please come and help with the planning. New faces are always welcome. Both meetings are at Mazamas.

April 3, Wednesday Morning 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.

Sauvie Island is a new "neighborhood" for this group, just a little past Portland's suburbs but on a bus line from the city. Today we will carpool from the parking lot on Sauvie Island to the Warrior Rock trailhead at the end of Reeder Road. Springtime is bird migrating season, please bring your binoculars if you wish, we might see eagles, sandhill cranes, snow geese, Merlin etc. A parking permit is required per car (\$10 day fee, divided by the occupants of each car that should be \$2.50 p.P) This is a 6 mile in and out hike with no elevation gain, Let's bring a lunch to eat at our turn around, the historic lighthouse at the Northern Tip of Sauvie Island. **Meet:** Sauvie Island Trimet Parking lot meet at 9:15 to arrange carpool. We will wait for the bus, (bus#16 arrives at 10:35am, let Gerda know) and depart to the trailhead after everyone has their parking permit. The store (with port-a-potty) sells them. **Carpool fee:** \$3.00 Hike duration 3 to 3.5 hours **Leader:** Gerda Eck 503-804-4214

April 3, Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather. Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. **Cost:** Free for Trails Club members; \$2 non-members. Check Facebook, Meetup or TCO website for changes in weekly listings. **Class A Leader:** Chaz Shaw chaznw@gmail.com 503-702-3094. **Class B Leader:** Catherine Schidler catherineschiel@gmail.com 503-234-1839

April		
Events Summary		
2	Tues	Board & Social Committee Meeting
3	Wed	Morning Hike - Sauvie Island
3	Wed	Evening Hike - Wallace Park
6	Sat	Independence / Buena Vista Bike
6	Sat	Tyee Lodge Open
10	Wed	Morning Hike - Laura Foster Hill
10	Wed	Evening Hike - Forest Park
13-14	Sat-Sun	Siouxin Creek Back Pack
13-14	Sat-Sun	Tyee: Yoga, Music, & Meditation
15	Mon	<i>Blazer Deadline</i>
17	Wed	Morning Hike - TBD
17	Wed	Evening Hike - Forest Park
20-21	Sat-Sun	Tyee: Knife Sharpening Classes
 21	Sun	TCO Easter Egg Hunt!
22	Thurs	Trolley Trail Bike - Class A
24	Wed	Morning Hike - Mt Tabor
24	Wed	Evening Hike - Forest Park
26-28	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip
26-28	Fri-Sun	Bring a Friend to Tyee
May		
1	Wed	AM and PM Hikes
3-5	Fri-Sun	Tyee: Sing Along w/ Folk Music Soc.
7	Tues	<i>Board Meeting</i>
8	Wed	AM Hikes
15	Wed	<i>Blazer Deadline</i>
15	Wed	AM Hikes
20-23	Mon-Thu	Leslie Gulch Car Camp
24-27	Fri-Mon	Memorial Weekend at Nesika Lodge
<p>Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org</p>		

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TRAIL BLAZER

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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 (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. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.



Photo: Heidi Spence - Columnar basalt outcrop.

EVENTS, Continued...

April 6, Tye Lodge Open, *Host Needed*

Tye will be open Saturday overnight to Sunday. We are looking for a host. Let us know if you have a key and are willing: Sheryl Wagner, 503-319-2989 drwagnernd@gmail.com

April 6, Independence/Buena Vista Bike — Class B

Bike 28-30 miles through the fields, rolling hills and farmland of Polk County. The ride starts at the Independence Riverview Park, Independence, Oregon. We ride west through Monmouth, south to Helmick State Park and east to the Buena Vista Ferry landing for a lunch stop along the Willamette River. We then ride north to Independence to complete the loop. **Driving Directions:** From Portland drive I-5 South towards Salem. Take the Salem Parkway Exit, then W on Hwy 22 over the Willamette River to Hwy 51. Go south to 200 S Main St in Independence. The park is on the left. Turn left toward the river. Parking is north of the boat ramp parking.

Depart: 10 AM from Independence Riverview Park. Please confirm participation with leader for possible weather cancellation. **Leader:** Allen Burrell burrell@teleport.com 503-288-3859

April 10, Morning Hike — Class A/B

We will meet at Friendly House at NW 26th Ave. and Thurman (not on Savier) and do a modified Laura Foster hill walk up to Hoyt Arboretum. **Depart:** 9:30 AM. Approximately 5 miles. Class A/B. **Leader:** Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com.

April 10, Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather. Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. **Cost:** Free for Trails Club members; \$2 non-members. Check Facebook, Meetup or TCO website for changes in weekly listings. **Class B Leader:** Rebecca Knudeson rknudeson@gmail.com 503-639-2234. **Class A Leader:** Julie Dailey, dailey68@me.com

April 13-14, Siouxin Creek Backpack

We will meet at 8:00AM at Pendelton Woolen Mills parking lot. We will car pool to Siouxin Creek Trail Head. Hike is 4.5 miles one way.

April 13, Evening of Yoga, Meditation, and Some Music at Tye Lodge

Sign up for a weekend of Yoga and Music on April 13-14 at Tye Lodge on Mt Hood. Bring your yoga mat and a favorite instrument or just your voice. We will do some improvising and take requests. Bring a song or sheet music! Jess will be leading participants with a yoga session on Saturday and another on Sunday, and a meditation session one of those days, and hopefully improvising

a music circle or drum circle around the fire. To participate, please **RSVP** to the host, Susan, neumesian@hotmail.com with the night(s) you are staying so we can plan and keep everyone informed. We will set up RSVPs on Meetup, but anyone who would like to attend should email Susan as well. Please specify what meals you will be present for, any dietary restrictions you have and if you have paid. If you need directions we can accommodate. As with all activities you drive, hike and attend at your own risk.

Food is potluck Saturday night – please bring what you like and plan on making meals a social event. Let the host know if you are bringing food and you can avoid paying for dinner. The last meal will be lunch on Sunday and the lodge will close shortly after the kitchen is cleaned. **Meal Fees:** No meals will be prepared for those who do not RSVP and pay via PayPal at tyeewinter@trailsclub.org by midnight of Wednesday of the same week. Contact the hostess if you need an exception. Breakfast and lunch are both \$5 each and dinner is \$8. Guest rates apply (\$25 a night for adult guests and \$15 a night for adult members). Member families pay no more than \$40 a night and Guest families pay no more than \$60 a night.

Lodging Fees: 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. Make sure and reserve your bunk! The full details of how Tye Lodge events work and what you can expect are posted here <https://trailsclub.org/activities/tyee-lodge/>

Host: Susan neumesian@hotmail.com Please email her at Tyeewinter@trailsclub.org or message me here if you have general questions. Susan will be opening the lodge on Friday April 12th so it should be warm by dinner if you would like to attend early.

April 17, Morning 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. **Leader:** Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540. Please watch the web site for the meeting place.

April 10, Evening Hike – Class A/B

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April 20, 3 PM – Knife Sharpening Class at Tyee

I love the idea of sharpening my own knives, but always end up making them more dull. John Alexy, a long time boy scout leader, will give a hands on class teaching us how to use a wet stone and leather strops to sharpen knives.

This class will be very appropriate for kids to learn knife safety and sharpening. Cub scouts can earn their Whittling Chip. I am working to enable Boy Scouts to earn their totin chip.

The class will start about 3pm. You should bring a sharpening stone. This is a good one at a good price.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01FXK7XF6/ref=oh_aui_search_detailpage?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Cost: As always, members pricing for the night is \$15 (adults) and \$5 (kids), while non-members are \$25 (adults) and \$15 (kids). We have a men's dorm and women's dorm. The price for just a day is \$3. The member family cap price is \$40 and non-member is \$60.

If this event becomes popular, the lodge may elect to bring in a cook at which point breakfast and dinner will be provided for \$12 (both meals). Otherwise we have a large kitchen and you are welcome to prepare your own food. Should not be difficult for this crowd :)

Questions? Email me at tyeewinter@trailsclub.org

April 21, 3:30 - 6:30 PM – TCO Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

Bring your family to our fun-filled Trails Club of Oregon Easter Egg Hunt and Barbecue, hosted by Susan and Aaron Ashenfelter at their townhome (expect stairs). We will start hiding Easter eggs at 3:30, but you may attend anytime between 3:30 pm and 6 pm. Adults and kids are all welcome to hunt. We will end the hunt by doing a line search for leftover eggs in the field. Attendees of all ages are welcome. Come and have fun with us!

Bring: Your family, a dozen eggs, a chair, a main dish, salad or desert, non-alcoholic drinks, and a steak to grill if you like. Susan will provide a BBQ, hot dogs, chicken, or burgers.

The Easter Egg hunt will be held in a large undeveloped and rough grassy Commonwealth area behind the host's home, so when you arrive you will need to sign a waiver. We have also invited the local community. The barbecue will be outside, weather permitting but count on hunting for real eggs, rain or shine, hiker style! Bring your own eggs if you would like, but we will be providing some too. Bring extra shoes for indoors just in case yours get muddy. Please **RSVP** to Susan Ashenfelter at neumesian@hotmail.com so we know how many burgers, hot dogs and drumsticks to cook up. RSVPs will be responded to with directions and an address.

April 22, 10 AM – Trolley Trail Bike Ride – Class A

A nice leg stretcher for the beginning of the season. We will follow River Road through Gladstone and Oak Grove to Milwaukie and return via the trolley trail for a total of almost 20 miles. **Meet:** Clackamette Park in Oregon City at 10AM **Leader:** Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214

April 24 – Morning 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. We will hike on Mt. Tabor today, departing at 9:30. **Leader:** Glenda Chaite, 503-261-1355, glenda@inbalanceservices.com. Please watch the web site for the meeting place.

April 24, Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. **Cost:** Free for TCO members; \$2 non-members Check Facebook, Meetup or TCO website for changes in weekly listings. **Class B Leader:** Gini Bateman ginibateman@comcast.net 503-771-1560

No A Leader as of print deadline. We need leaders, especially for the easier "A" hikes. Contact Rebecca Knudeson rknudeson@gmail.com 503-639-2234

April 26-28, Nesika Work Trip

The first work trip of the season. We will meet at Wal-Mart parking lot Friday morning at 8:30 AM or 9:00AM at the gate at 10 mile mark on Larch MTN ROAD. We will be working on clearing the road of blow downs and possibly laying some rock on the soft spots of the roads. If anyone wants to donate a yard of rock for the road let us know. The rock should be 1 inch minus. We will also work on trails leading into the lodge, haul out scrap metal, assess window repair, work on clearing water line and start on cutting slabs. Katrinona will be cooking for the weekend. Bring branch saws, shovels, tools for window work, chain saw to clear road. **Leader:** Linda Conrad, 360-837-3787 lqconrad@aol.net

April 26-28, Bring a Friend to Tyee Lodge Weekend

Julia Mace is hosting a bring a friend to Tyee Lodge weekend. Are you not a member of the Trails Club and want to come? Find a member and bring them!

Members, this would be a great weekend to bring a guest and enjoy some snow shoeing or cross country skiing. Stay tuned to find out how meals will be handled this weekend. Please **RSVP** to tyeewinter@trailsclub.org! New to Tyee? 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

CONSERVATION NOTE for April

This month the Conservation Committee would like to draw your attention again to the conservation organizations we have featured so far, rather than featuring a new organization.

Oregon Natural Desert Association, onda.org, Bark, bark-out.org, Friends of Mount Hood, friendsofmounthood.org, and Greater Hells Canyon Council, hellscanyon.org, all continue to have a variety of educational programs, hikes, and volunteer opportunities. Dive in!

Now that spring is here, many of us will want to be back on the trails in the Gorge. Many of the trails which closed after the Eagle Creek fire are now open again. Trail Keepers of Oregon (TKO) trailkeepersoforegon.org, has been and continues to be a major player in restoring the Gorge trails we love. Registration is open for their annual Tread School May 17-19, for those who want to learn more about trail maintenance and restoration. (Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tko-tread-school-zigzag-ranger-district-registration-56131595112>) Volunteering with TKO is a good way to get back into the Gorge and enjoy its changed but still beautiful hiking trails.

Perhaps most important of all, or at least most personal, is that the warm spring weather is melting the snow on Larch Mountain. We will soon be able to begin planting new little trees at Nesika, seedlings we can watch grow over the years. If you have not yet donated to sponsor a seedling tree, this is the time to do so, to make sure a little part of yourself is part of the forest restoration at our own Nesika. You can donate to sponsor a tree at trailsclub.org, or contact our Nesika committee.

Wishing you all the enjoyment of spring in the woods, in the mountains, on the trails! For the love of our forests, streams, rivers, and wetlands - *Your Conservation Committee*

well with others. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, we have mattresses. Overnight accommodations are \$15 for member adults, and \$5 for kids of members under 12. Guest adults are \$25, and kids of guests are \$15. Member families never pay for than \$40 a night, and guest family fees are capped at \$60. *** You need a snow pass to park!

May 3-5, Song Circle/Sing Along with Portland Folk Music Society at Tyee Lodge

Join us for a Sing Along weekend with the *Portland Folk Music Society* at Tyee Lodge! Cinco de Mayo weekend. Group singing will both evenings. Singing will be in the evening, during the day go hiking, or just lounge by the fire with a good book and/or your guitar! Plenty of opportunities to jam! There will be a scheduled, led hike on Saturday. Bring instruments and your sweet voice! Workshops by request depending on interest and skill sets presented by serendipity. There's a low possibility for a late snow, if so, be prepared to hike in a little way, but very unusual in May.

Please **RSVP** for each meal to lconrad@aol.com, especially for any dietary needs/restrictions. Refunds available until 1 week before event. Friday night only, lodging and 3 meals (Friday dinner, Sat. breakfast & lunch) \$50 Saturday night only, lodging and 3 meals (Sat. dinner, Sun. breakfast & lunch) \$50 Full weekend, lodging and 6 meals \$90. **Event poster here:** TrailsClubSingAlong See the **signup on Meet-up:** <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/257730272/>

May 20-24 Leslie Gulch Car Camp

TCO's Leslie Gulch Car Camp will run May 20-May 23. 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. 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. **Fees** are \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. 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. Leslie-Gulch-Car-Camp-Outing-Forms-C-and-D-Participant-Application-and-Medical-Form and <https://traveloregon.com/things-to-do/destinations/parks-forests-wildlife-areas/camping-at-leslie-gulch/>



FEATURED FUTURE EVENTS

TCO Annual Banquet & Dance

June 2, 2:30 – 5:30 pm *Fulton Park Community Center*

This year to keep the cost low we are going to do pot-luck. Bring one main dish and a desert or salad. The highlight of this year's banquet will be Contra, line and square dancing with a Band and Dance caller. Cost will be \$15 per person. Dress comfortable or in Western. Plan on getting out of your chair and moving. We will also have a sale table; bring used gear, plants, crafts to donate to raise money for the club.

Please register for this event and pay in advance via Pay -Pal in Payments menu (or at the door). Bring a friend!

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. 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=GBVKqMe11c>

Is it that difficult to have a two week food supply? Not really. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSgotSS222c>

June 22 (Sat) - Advanced Outdoor First Aid Class and Basic Life Support with Certification at Tye Lodge.

Class will start promptly at 8:00 AM Saturday morning and go for 8 hours with one hour lunch. Ending time will be 5:00 PM. Class will include hands on first aid out doors. It will include 4 hours of lectures and 4 hours of hands on. It is put on by Adventure Medical out of Bend. Wear comfort clothing. Cost of class if free to Club members who are hike leaders and those who want to lead hikes in the club. Also, if you want to join the club this weekend you would be able to get the class free for turning in membership fee and card. It is recommended that you come to the lodge on Friday night to be ready to take the class on Saturday morning. Lodge fees apply. Meals will be served on Saturday at the cost of \$20. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. To register go to TCO Meetup site. If we can get 20 people we will be eligible for a %15 discount. If you are not on Meetup, then please call or text Linda Conrad at 360-907-5096 to Register or lcgrconrad@aol.com. We will consider you registered when you have sent your nonrefundable meal fees in. You can mail to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland OR, 97239-0061 or go to the TCO web site and pay using PayPal.



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 probably in April. 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.



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



Deschutes River, on hike hosted by Linda & Glen Conrad. Photo: Cynthia

Board Meeting Minutes

TCO Board Meeting 3/5/19

Treasurer's report by email:

Beginning balance,1/31/19:.....	\$19,249.51
Deposits:	\$5,825.05
Withdrawals:	\$2,714.17
Cleared Ending balance.....	\$22,360.39

Our accountant has not gotten back in touch regarding TCO taxes for the year. Chris Monte, our Fidelity rep, would like to speak at one of our Board meetings. He updated our PO box. Cindy did the organizational use report for Tyee. The Forest Service will use it to determine our rent for Tyee's land.

Nesika– Glen. The lodge is still snowbound, so we will not be able to plant trees in March. The lodge is visible from Hwy 14, mile post 30 near St. Cloud Recreation site before Skamania past Cape Horn. The Forest Service is planning to renew the permit we had last year for access in the closed area. Glenn will ask the FS to extend the open area a little to reach the lodge. A lost hiker found Nesika and the posted Club member's contact information. Search and Rescue was notified and able to hike in to get him. Cindy moved to place an emergency box outside the lodge for use in such cases and a key to the lodge in a lock box so Search and Rescue can have access to the lodge. Seconded by Beverly. Passed unanimously. Colors for Redwing in recycled paint: forest green and espresso brown.

Tyee – Aaron absent, update by Joel. He bought exit signs and water heater straps to comply with insurance requirements. Our oil supply is very low. We will monitor oil usage by having hosts record oil levels on a clipboard during their days of hosting. The fire should be kept going and could be supplemented by the electric radiators.

Membership—By email in Lori's absence Three 1st readings, eight 2nd readings (list avail.) All the 2nd readings were approved as members. Nathen will add a blurb on our MeetUp similar to Young Mazama's about membership in TCO.

Publications –Joel
The new editor is David Hays. The directories will be distributed at the Banquet in June. We discussed placing an option for membership payment on the website.

Trips—Nathen - We have had a number of great Tyee events. We are developing spring and summer events. A couple Scout groups used Tyee. One is requesting to use Tyee for their week summer camp.

Social—Linda
We still need a venue for the banquet. We may plan a spring related activity.

New Business - Vice president will monitor funds that come in from events. We will keep the lodge usage reports and trip reports for 1 year. We discussed changing the bylaws to streamline the membership process, perhaps adding a provisional membership status. We discussed using endowment funds to provide a wilderness first aid class for outdoor event leaders and to buy a Garmin inReach GPS. Linda will determine the cost of the class and Cindy will investigate access to the fund.

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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

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