



Trail Blazer

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EVENTS

Morning Hike - Balch Creek to Audubon+ May 1, Class A/B

Hike will begin at Friendly House, NW 26th and NW Thurman, be ready to depart at 9:30 am. Hike will go up Balch Creek to Audubon and then continue on trails around the Audubon Society. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-3419441, pollockkathy@gmail.com

2-Hour Conditioning Hike May 1, Class A/B

Hike will begin at Wallace Park, mid-block on Raleigh between NW 25th and 26th streets, be ready to depart. We will start at 6 pm sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee before 6 pm. Carry water and a flashlight or headlamp. **Easier hike:** About 4-5 miles, less than 500 feet elevation gain. **Leader:** Chaz Shaw **Moderate to brisk Hike:** 5-6 miles, 500-800 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). **Leader:** Catherine Schiedler.

Tree Planting at Nesika May 3-5

We will have gate at 10 mile marker on Larch MTN road open at 9:00AM on Friday and Saturday mornings. **Bring** a tent, a chain saw just in case a tree may be down on road, and a narrow shovel for planting. Roots need to go straight down about a foot. We will be planting on Saturday mostly. Friday some of us will go in and start prepping and marking where trees are to go. Sunday will be clean up and depart. Only high clearance cars. 4 wheel drive best. We will provide food.

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

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

May		
		Events Summary
1	Wed	Morning Hike & Conditioning Hike
3-5	Fri-Sun	Nesika: Tree Planting at the Lodge
3-5	Fri-Sun	Tyee: Sing Along w/ Folk Music Soc.
6	Mon	Rood Bridge to Fern Hill Ride
6	Mon	Backpacker's Roundup
7	Wed	Board Meeting
8	Wed	Morning Hike & Conditioning Hike
9	Thurs	Bike & Dine - SW to North Portland
12	Sun	Burnt Bridge / Vancouver Lake Ride
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
15	Wed	Morning Hike & Evening Hike
17	Fri	"Best Kept Secrets of Wildfire"
20-23	Mon-Thu	Leslie Gulch Car Camp
24-27	Fri-Mon	Nesika: Memorial Weekend at Lodge
29	Wed	Morning Hike & Conditioning Hike
June		
1	Sat	Ramona Falls Hike
1-2	Sat-Sun	Tyee: Emergency Preparedness
2	Sun	TCO Annual Banquet & Dance
3	Mon	Kansas City Loop Bike Ride
4	Tues	Board Meeting
5	Wed	Morning Hike & Conditioning Hike
6	Thurs	Peninsula Park / Pier Park Ride
8-9	Sat-Sun	Tyee: Outdoor Cooking Day
12	Wed	Morning Hike & Conditioning Hike
Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org		

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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.



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EVENTS, Continued...

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. **Costs:** 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:** [TrailsClub-SingAlong](https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/257730272/) See the **signup on Meet-up:** <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/257730272/>

**Rood Bridge to Fern Hill Wetlands Bike Ride
May 6, Class A/B**

Meet at 10 am at the Rood Bridge Park, 4000 SE Rood Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123 We will ride on back country roads to the Forest Grove Fern Hill Wetlands and return. Lunch or snack at the Wetlands. If you bring a bike lock we could go for a short stroll in the wetlands. The total mileage is about 20 with very little elevation. **Please register** with leader the night before: Gisela Piercy: 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

**Backpacker's Roundup @ Caldera Public House
May 6, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

"backpack"(Verb): To hike and camp overnight in backcountry with one's gear carried in a backpack. (Wiktionary.com) Trails Club of Oregon invites novice and seasoned backpackers alike to join us for a little fun social networking. Bring information on your favorite backpack trips, accessories or tips to share in this 1.5 hour gathering. A chance to meet fellow backpackers interested in your type of adventuring, be it weekend warriors or long distance trail thru-hikers. **Where:** Caldera Public House, Upstairs 6031 SE Stark St, Portland, OR **When:** Monday, May 6, 2019 6 to 8:30pm. Please order and pay for your individual food/ beverage downstairs, and come on up. This even hosted by Cindy Lee and Mimi Cogswell.

**TCO Board Meeting
May 7, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

At Mazamas, 527 SE 43rd Ave in Portland.

**Morning Hike
May 8, 9:45 am - 12:30 pm, Class A/B**

This week's hike begins near Leach Botanical Garden in southeast Portland and ascends Mt. Scott to Willamette National Cemetery. Please read the complete details at: [http://www.woodbloom.com/kenaud/Leach Willamette National Cemetery.pdf](http://www.woodbloom.com/kenaud/Leach%20Willamette%20National%20Cemetery.pdf)

Leader: Ken Kane, 503-522-9997, ken@woodbloom.com

**2 Hour Conditioning Hike
May 8, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Class B**

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We will start at 6 pm sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee before 6 pm. Carry water and a flashlight or headlamp. Moderate to brisk Hike: 5-6 miles, 500-800 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). **Leader:** Gini Bateman

**Bike & Dine – SW Portland to North Portland
May 9 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start in SW Portland, cross the Tillikum Bridge to the eastside, ride up to North Mississippi Ave to have lunch at Por Que No. We'll then ride back on the west side. About 14 or so miles round trip, bike path and bike lane on N. Williams. **Please bring** a lock to lock your bike at Por Que No. I don't ride in the rain, *so check with me that morning if the weather seems iffy.* **Depart:** 10 AM corner of SW Virginia and SW Nebraska. Parking can be challenging, please arrive early enough to find a space—then you can ride to meeting place. This is near Fulton Pub if you need an address.

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

**Burnt Bridge Creek – Vancouver Lake Ride
May 12, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Class A/B**

The short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia, eating lunch at one of them. The total route has 850 feet of ascent. **Depart:** 10 am at Bernie and Lakeshore TH of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. E-mail leader to register for the ride, saying whether you plan to ride the shorter or longer route. Registration required since ride may be rescheduled in rainy weather. **Leader:** Terry Lawson (971)998-6072, lawson.terry@gmail.com

**Morning Hike
May 15, 9:45 am - 12:30 pm, 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:** Audrey Perino, 593-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net

**Evening Hike
May 15, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Class 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. Check Meetup or TCO website for changes in weekly listings. **Leader:** Joel Reitz.

EVENTS, Continued...

The Best Kept Secrets of Wildfire
May 17 @ 7:00 am - 8:30 pm

Ralph Bloemers of Crag Law Center will be repeating his presentation on the Eagle Creek Fire, *Challenging Our Beliefs to Meet the Challenges of Wildfire*, which he gave at Patagonia last month. This will be at Mazama Mountaineering Center at 527 SE 43rd Avenue in Portland. Trailkeepers is featured in some of the film clips.

Leslie Gulch Car Camp
May 20 8:00 am - May 23 5:00 pm

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. **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. **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.

Form: <https://trailsclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Leslie-Gulch-Car-Camp-Outing-Forms-C-and-D-Participant-and-Medical-Form.pdf>

<https://traveloregon.com/things-to-do/destinations/parks-forests-wildlife-areas/camping-at-leslie-gulch/>

Morning Hike
May 22, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Class A/B

We will meet in front of Ascension Episcopal church on SW Spring between Vista and 18th for departure at 9:30. We will hike up to Council Crest. **Leader:** Mike Harrison, 360-326-3084, 509-290-1565.

2-Hour Conditioning Hike
May 22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Class B

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on

Raleigh. We will start at 6 pm sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee before 6 pm. Carry water and a flashlight or headlamp. **Moderate to brisk Hike:** 5-6 miles, 500-800 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). **Leader:** Bruce Seymour

Memorial Weekend at Nesika
May 24 - 27

We will have Nesika open Friday - Monday of Memorial weekend. We will provide daily hikes in Basin, to Devils Rest, to Larch MTN and other locations as they open up.

Eastside Portland Loop Bike Ride
May 26 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm – Class B

This is a 32 mile bike ride, mostly on Portland's bike trails and streets with bike lanes. We will ride along the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, as well as the Springwater and 205 bike paths. There are some uphill sections. Contact leader for start time and location, and any other questions. **Leader:** Maureen Covell, 503-954-4501; charleycvl@aol.com

Morning Hike
May 29, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Class A/B

We will meet at Friendly House on NW Thurman and 26th. We will go into Forest Park, including up Balch Creek to the Audubon Society. **Leader:** Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

2-Hour Conditioning Hike
May 29 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Class B

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We will start at 6 pm sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee before 6 pm. Carry water and a flashlight or headlamp. **Moderate to brisk Hike:** 5-6 miles, 500-800 feet elevation gain (not cumulative). **Leader:** Lotte Schmitz

Ramona Falls Hike
June 1, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

This is a hike with very little elevation gain in the first half walking through Rhododendrun forests which should be in bloom at this time. The second half is across the river and does have elevation gain. Usually there is a log to walk on to cross the river. You must be able to walk across a log. Total miles round trip is 7.1 See description here : https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Ramona_Falls_Loop_Hike

Bring water and snacks. Most of the trail is shaded. This may be combined with a dinner at Tyee. Watch for details on a Hike and dine on the calendar at <http://www.trailsclub.org> I will update this info as well when we know we have a cook!

CONSERVATION NOTE

As the spring hiking season kicks off, many of us will be heading for the Gorge. Therefore we are featuring the Trailkeepers of Oregon (TKO) in more detail this month. It is because of TKO, The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) folks, and our own US Forest Service, that trails have been repaired and reopened after the Eagle Creek fire. I volunteered with TKO for trail work on Public Lands Day, and was impressed by how friendly, how efficient, and how much fun their work crews are, and how welcoming TKO is to volunteers of all ages and skill levels. I have signed up for their Tread School in May, to learn more about trail maintenance and repair. When I set my foot on a Gorge trail now, I know what went into making it a trail I can walk along and enjoy. I asked TKO Board President, Paul Gerald, to give me a brief description of the TKO mission and their work:



TRAILKEEPERS OF OREGON

Trailkeepers of Oregon began as an idea in 2007, when a group of hikers who met on oregonhikers.org decided to reopen an abandoned trail on Mount Hood. That trail was the Old Vista Ridge Trail, which leads to several viewpoints north of the mountain, and it was under the threat of a proposed off-road vehicle area. These hardy folks cleared more than a hundred logs so that people could enjoy the trail and views once again -- and also

keep the motorcycles out.

They liked trail work and advocacy so much they started a new nonprofit, and TKO was officially born in 2008. For the next 9 years it was a scrappy little all-volunteer outfit, which eventually came to own and operate oregonhikers.org and the Field Guide there. Then, in 2017 -- with financial support from REI -- TKO decided to hire its first Executive Director, a former Oregon State Parks ranger named Steve Kruger. And right after Steve started, the Eagle Creek fire took off, raising the profile of our scrappy little nonprofit to levels we never dreamed of.

In 2018, TKO performed 259 work parties with 2,491 volunteers covering 140,109 feet of trail; that's more than a marathon of trails! Many of those were -- and continue to be -- in the Eagle Creek Burn Area, but we continue to expand our reach beyond northwest Oregon. The momentum and growth at TKO are astonishing, and they are confirmation of a few things we always believed: that there is a tremendous hunger for a statewide trail organization in Oregon, that our trails need work and support, and that there exists an army of volunteers and other supporters who have been waiting to strap on their work boots, write a check or just show up for a meeting on behalf of Oregon's trails and trail users.

If you are one of those people, and you would like to support TKO's mission "to protect and enhance the Oregon hiking experience through advocacy, stewardship, outreach and education," head over to trailkeepersoforegon.org to join, donate, sign up for a trail party or our annual Tread School at Mount Hood in May, or find some other way to help us give back to the Oregon trails that have given us so much.

On a related note, Ralph Bloemers of Crag Law Center will be repeating his presentation on the Eagle Creek fire, Challenging Our Beliefs to Meet the Challenges of Wildfire, which he gave at Patagonia last month. This will be at Mazama Mountaineering Center at 527 SE 43rd Avenue in Portland on Friday May 17th from 7-8:30 p.m. Trailkeepers is featured in some of the film clips. I attended the presentation at Patagonia, and highly recommend it. Hope to see you there!

Wishing you all the enjoyment of spring in the woods, in the mountains, on the trails!

For the love of our forests, mountains, streams, rivers, and wetlands,

- Your Conservation Committee



Participants heading out on the Salmon Butte trail at the 2018 TKO Tread School. Photo by TKO board member and volunteer Cheryl Hill

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 potluck. 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!

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

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>

Advanced Outdoor First Aid Class and Basic Life Support with Certification at Tyee Lodge June 21, 8:00 am - June 23, 10:00 am

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 is 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 non-refundable meal fees in. You can mail to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095 Portland, OR 97268-1095 or go to the TCO web site and pay using PayPal.

Please register for this event and pay in advance via PayPal in the TCO website Payments menu.



A wet Siouxon backpacking trip. Photo: Amanda Barrett



Board Meeting Minutes - 4/2/19

Treasurer's report –

Beginning balance, 2/1/19:..... \$22,360.39
Deposits:..... \$4,109.11
Withdrawals:..... \$325.99
Ending balance, 2/28/19..... \$26,143.51



Cindy has contacted Columbia Threadneedle (holders of our endowment fund) and has downloaded their account and address change applications so we can access the fund after not using it for years. She will meet Sheryl later this week to get the required TCO corporate seal for documentation. She spoke with an agent from Scotts Insurance regarding access to Nesika. Glen will schedule his requested trip after the April work trip.

Nesika – Last weekend, he hiked into the lodge. There is not much snow left at the lodge, but snow on the road makes it far from passable. The April work trip is only a possibility right now. The generator works well, but the tractor didn't start. The heavy snow pushed in the water tank lid. He hopes to be able to pop it out, although it may not affect the function of the tank. Discussed whether it is a good idea to plant the trees this spring since we will have such a late planting date. Glen will ask Candice if it is possible to keep the seedlings over the summer. USFS is issuing the same entry permit we had last year. The architects have the plans ready to turn into Multnomah County. We will submit it to the county soon. Once we have the permit, we have a 2 year limit to start building.

Tyee – Discussed fuel level/usage, heating in the men's restroom, insulation in the roof of the dorms and adjusting the thermostat so that it will circulate air (and heat from the stove) when the furnace isn't heating. The old water pipes to the first kitchen sink need to be replaced to eliminate corrosive buildup in the faucet head. One weekend recently, the winter lodge closing directions were not followed properly. Hosts need to be sure to follow the sequence in the directions when doing the water shutoff.

Membership—More membership renewals are coming back after a lapse of a year. Because of the PO box problem, we are not requiring a reinstatement process. Discussed looking into a recurring automatic option for dues payment. Three 1st readings, eight 2nd readings (list avail.) 2nd readings voted into membership: Geert Aerts, David Keifer, Portland; Michael Nelson, Lake Oswego.

Publications – Many people have registered on TCO website who aren't members. Joel will send an email to them to invite them to become members.

Social—Discussed the Easter egg hunt on 4/22, the Banquet on 6/2, and the First aid class at Tyee on 6/22. It will last 8 hours with meals and is free for members. Attendees will receive BLS and Wilderness First Aid certifications.

New Business -

- a. Clarified the scheduling of Tyee by the winter coordinator for December through March, and the transition to scheduling by the vice president in the non winter seasons, April through November. Note that the minimum charge is in force November through April.
- b. Possible bylaw changes. We need to update bylaws to reflect electronic communication and storage.
- c. Suggested to add a provisional membership to Article II, Section 2: A provisional member is a new applicant who has paid the entrance fee and yearly dues. Provisional members shall receive membership status except the right to vote. They must complete the official membership requirements by the end of the calendar year in which they initiated their provisional membership. The entrance fee and dues shall be forfeited if membership requirements are not completed in that time.
- d. Funding Nesika building. Discussed asking for a vote of the membership to release a set amount from the investment fund to help pay for rebuilding Nesika.
- e. Glen moved and Aaron seconded that the Board of Trustees repeal the History Committee master plan approved in 2016. Passed unanimously.



Nathen Barton: Knife sharpening instruction at Tyee



Gerda Meister Eck: Sellwood and Trolley Trail loop ride

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Gentle Reminders

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

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.

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 trip leader if you have any questions 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.

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.

Fees

There is no charge to Trails Club members for day activities; non-members pay \$2. 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. Other fees may apply.

If you have RSVP'd 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.

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