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Troop 386 had a great time in Tyee Lodge: Nathen Barton

December Events Summary

All Wednesdays	Morning Hikes (see <i>Repeating Hikes</i>)
6-8 Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Opening
7 Sat	X-Country Ski or Snow Shoe
29-1 Sun-Wed	New Years at Nesika Lodge
30-1 Mon-Wed	New Years at Tyee Lodge
31 Tues	Snowshoe Activity at Tyee Lodge
Jan. 1 Wed	New Year's Day Hike to Nesika

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

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

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Second Readings approved: Jonathan Pape, Gladys Garza.

Important Web Page Update: The Meetup events no longer transfer automatically to our web site. Meetup broke that function. Events must be entered on our web site separately. Trails club events MUST be on our web site to be official, and listing on Meetup is optional.

TCO Bylaws Updated

Updated club bylaws are now available for your perusal on our website:

<http://trailsclub.org/bylaws/>

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Tyee Lodge Opening December 6-8

Tyee Lodge will be open December 6th through the 8th. Come and enjoy a weekend of day hikes or snow shoes, wreath making, and just hanging out. To register for wreath making class on Saturday see Meetup on December 7th for wreath making. Cost of \$20 on Saturday which includes lunch.

For the weekend meals will be Pot Luck except for Saturday Lunch. If you are not taking the Wreath Class the lunch will be \$7.00. We will include gluten free, dairy free and vegan.

Cost will be \$3.00 per day for day use, \$15. per night for members, and \$25.00 per night for non members.

You will need sleeping bag for spending the night and any clothes for activities to include day pack with 10 essentials for day hike on Saturday morning. No cotton clothes for day hike. May need shoe chains or snow shoes for day hike weather permitting. Come and enjoy a weekend at our beautiful lodge.

You can park at The Tyee parking lot on Timberline Rd about a 1/4 mile up the road on the right side of the road. There is a trail on the north side of the road. Follow the rope trail to the left which leads to the lodge. If that parking area is full we are allowed to park at the utility parking lot at the bottom of Timberline road across HWY 26.

Cross Country Ski / Snow Shoe December 6-8

Plan A will be to cross country ski at the Teacup Lake Nordic Area. This area has a variety of trails, we will select the ones most appropriate for our group. Total mile-

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THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
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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): 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.

Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites

Our website (TrailsClub.org) is the official site for club events and information. There is also a Trails Club Meetup.com site that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/). However, all events posted on the TCO Meetup site should be added to our TCO website as well (and this no longer happens automatically, unfortunately).

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.

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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age planed will be between five and six, with mild elevation gain. There is a good variety of trails, from easy to challenging, that we can explore, some with great views of the east side of Mount Hood. Day use fee for Teacup is \$10.00, payable at Teacup. Proceeds support grooming by the Teacup Nordic Club.

If weather conditions are not good for skiing, we will park at the snow park on Timberline Road for Tye, snowshoe into the Lodge, and then explore the area above the Tye Lodge. We can sight-see the West Leg Trail, Crosstown Trail, or others as we decide. Mileage about three to five miles.

Parking at trail heads require Oregon Snow Park Permit.

Tye Lodge will be open this weekend, those that wish can stop by the Lodge for lunch. Cost of lunch listed below.

Leader will decide a couple of days prior on which option we will take. Participants must come prepared with the proper equipment and skills for either option, no cotton clothing. Bring sufficient water and snacks, extra gear and clothing. Leader is an advanced beginner to intermediate on skis, and will go at a moderate rate on snowshoes.

Contact leader via e mail with any questions. Leader reserves the right to advise any participant that it might be best if they wait until better prepared before going.

Meet at the Safeway in Sandy by the Wells Fargo ATM, prepared to leave at 8:00 AM. Lunch at Tye will cost \$7.00 plus \$3.00 for lodge use for the day (\$10.00 total). Activity fees: \$2.00 for nonmembers, free to members.

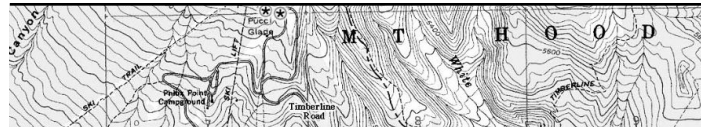
Leader: Bill Yandon mail wkyandon@gmail.com

 **New Years at Nesika**
December 29 - Jan 1

Glen and I [Linda Conrad] will have Nesika open starting at noon on Sunday the 29th through Jan. 1st. We will close lodge at 2:00 on New Years day. Bring sleeping bag and pad. We will be ssd's keeping in main lodge. You can bring a tent to sleep in if you desire. Bring your own food with idea to share/potluck. We will do day hikes, show pictures of trips, movies, play games at night. No alcohol. Day use cost is \$3 per person. Overnight fee is \$15 per member and \$25 per night for non members.

 **New Years at Tye**
December 30 - Jan 1

Two nights and three days at Tye Lodge located at Government Camp on West Leg Road 0.5 mile above Mazama Lodge. Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy



REPEATING HIKES

Morning Hikes - Class A/B, Wednesdays 9:30 - ~noon

We hike 4 to 6 miles for 2 to 4 hours. Watch the web site for leader and meeting place information.

Dec. 4. We hike 4-6 miles for 2-3 hours in the greater Portland area, often Forest Park. The hike departs the meeting place at 9:30. Watch the web site for this hike's leader and meeting place.

Dec. 11. We hike 4-6 miles for 2-3 hours in the greater Portland area, often Forest Park. The hike departs at 9:30. Watch the web site for the meeting place.
Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, sue-holmes28@yahoo.com.

Dec. 18. We hike 4-6 miles for 2-3 hours in the greater Portland area, often Forest Park. The hike departs the meeting place at 9:30. Watch the web site for this hike's leader and meeting place.

Dec. 25. There will be a hike on Christmas, probably in Washington Park/Forest Park. Watch the web site for the meeting place. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com.



Hikers pause on Mac Canyon to Descute hike: Heidi Spence

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Overpeck. Overnight: Monday Dec 30 and 31. Meals: Monday: Dinner, Tuesday: Breakfast and Dinner, Wednesday: Breakfast. Bring you own lunches. Bring sleeping bag, toiletries, towel and washcloth. Cost: \$56 for TCO members, \$76 for non-members.

If you cancel after Sunday, December 26, you will be charged \$26 for food. Lodge has 2 dorms with bunk beds – men’s & women’s. Lodge has a drying room for wet clothing and shoes. Shower available. Register early for a bottom bunk.

Plenty of snowshoe and X-country skiing right outside the lodge door. Bring your snowshoes and or X-country skis.

MEET: Mon Dec 30, 10 AM at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or 10:15 AM on Timberline Road. Directions: From Hwy 26 at Government Camp, turn onto Timberline Road going to Timberline Lodge. Go approx. 0.4 mile to Sno-Park on Right. Cross the highway from southern most parking place to trail marked with rope on tree. Hike up berm. At the top of the berm **take LEFT TRAIL** with rope which will guide you uphill ¼ mile to Tye Lodge. Sno-park parking permit required..

Make reservations with Pete by email or phone by Monday, December 23.
petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160.

 **Snowshoe Activity, Tye Lodge**
December 31 @ 10 AM - 3 PM, Class A

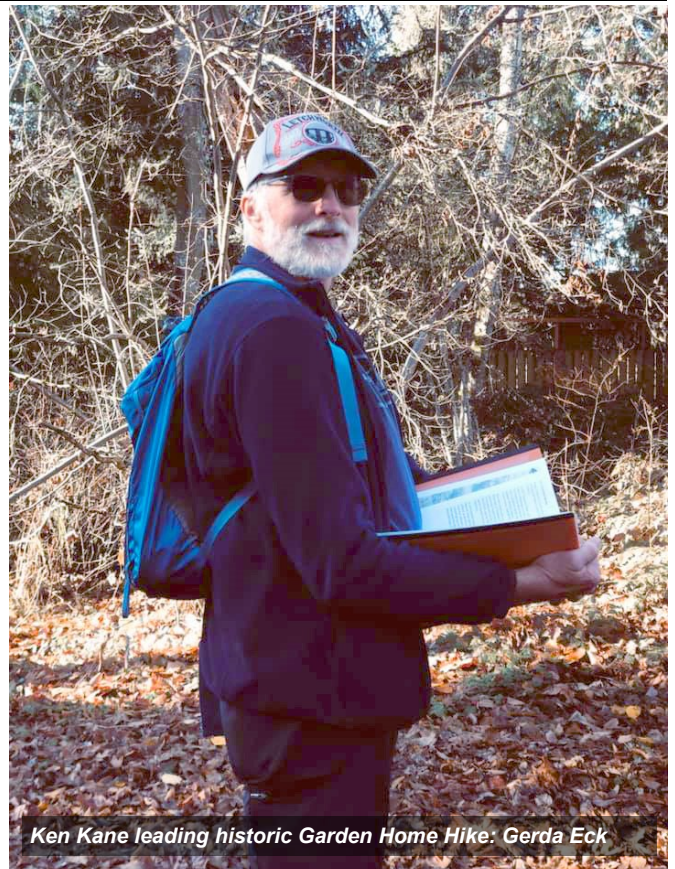
Depart Tye Lodge at 10 AM and snowshoe government camp area. Return to Tye for hot drinks around the fire.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, (503) 591-0160 petermvnelson@yahoo.com

 **New Year’s Day Hike to Nesika Lodge**
January 1 @ 8 AM - 5 PM

We will meet at Multnomah Falls at 8:00AM on January 1st. Total mileage is 4.5 miles each way. Elevation gain is around 1800 feet. You will need a day pack with 10 essentials to include first aid kit and flash light. Trekking poles are necessary. Please have warm gear; hat, gloves, down coat, rain gear. **You will be turned away if you have cotton outerwear on. You will need to have a pair of spiked shoe chains with strap over instep or you will not be allowed to join the hike.** The trail is treacherous and in places shear ice. Bring high energy snacks and drink. We will provide a warm lodge, hot drinks and soup. Cost is free for members and small fee for non members.

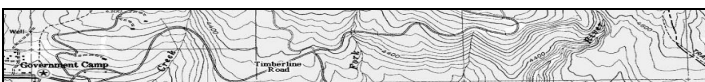
Organizer: Linda Conrad, Phone:h 360-837-3787 c 360-907-5096 Email: lgconrad@aol.com



Ken Kane leading historic Garden Home Hike. Gerda Eck



Interesting columnar basalt. Photo: Heidi Spence



Trails Club of Oregon Board Minutes Nov 5, 2019

Attendees: Sheryl Wagner *President*
 Beverly Drottar *Vice President*
 Cindy Lee *Treasurer*
 Rebecca Knudeson *Secretary*
 Glen Conrad *Nesika Trustee*
 Aaron Bech *Tyee Trustee*
 Lori Leach *Membership Trustee*
 Joel Reitz *Publications Trustee*
 Linda Conrad *Social Trustee*
 Nathen Barton *Trips Trustee*

Approved minutes of October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy

Beginning Balance 9/1/19	\$17,525.44
Checks and Payment (withdrawals)	\$1845.88
Deposits.....	\$1643.50
Ending Balance 7/31/19	\$17,323.06

Committee Reports:

Nesika Lodge

Glen reported on October work trip (lots of bad weather). Seats were completed in the pit out-house. We can hike in to the lodge without calling USFS but need to call when driving in. The permit application to rebuild Redwing is with the County now.

Tyee Lodge

Aaron reported on October work party. They stocked for winter and sealed siding where the fire escape was removed on back. Bill Yandon re-worked the summer and winter opening/closing directions. We discussed a remote way to monitor water usage and revisited changing the gate valve to a ball valve. Our water usage for last year went down. The base rate for water, however, went up from \$357.72 for last year to \$799.20 for this year. The charge per 100cf rose from \$1.12 last year to \$1.69 this year. Last year's total water cost was \$1,571.12. Next year's total will be \$1,625.12, while water usage decreased from 88600 cf to 58200 c.f.

Membership

Lori confirmed that we do send out new membership packets. She will begin to send emails to the

new members immediately after they are voted into the Club.

Regular members, 260; Life/Golden, 2; Junior, 5; Golden, 14; total, 317.

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2nd readings were approved: Jonathan Pape, Gladys Garza.

Publications

Joel reported our editor has moved to southern Oregon. He is willing to continue, but it would be great to find someone local. We print 12 hard copies of the Blazer now. We discussed whether to discontinue the professional printer for the Blazer and just use Kinkos.

Trips

Nathen reported that he set up a table at the University of Scouting. He had many people interested in Tyee and the Club.

Social

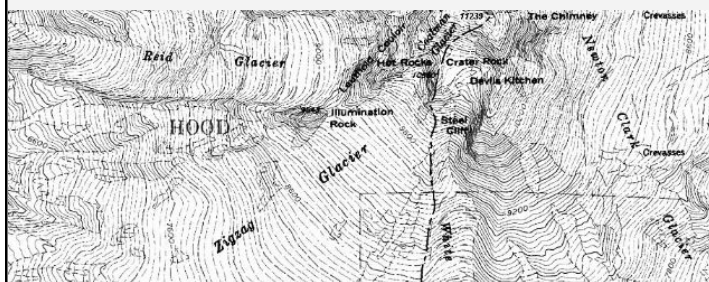
Linda discussed the annual meeting. The board will bring refreshments and arrive at 2:00 at Hollywood Senior Center. She anticipates having a social event to plan backpacks and incorporate other social/ planning activities.

New Business:

We are looking for a permanent home for the history material and equipment.

Discussed the invitation from Summit/Timberline about the expected development

Next board meeting: Dec 8, 5:00, at Sheryl's home.



CONSERVATION NOTE

Fall Many of our most beautiful places to hike and camp and kayak, canoe and backpack are now past their “Best By:” dates. They all need our protection and many need restoration,

Our current administration has been aptly described as working to take the “Public” out of public lands, permitting mining and timber cutting, raising recreation use fees, turning over public lands to private, for-profit management.

On Nov 5, 2019 a letter was published in the journal *BioScience* signed by 11,000 scientists warning of a climate emergency. The lead authors are two of our own, Bill Ripple and Christopher Wolf of Oregon State University. The letter begins:

“Scientists have a moral obligation to clearly warn humanity of any catastrophic threat and to “tell it like it is.” They declare “clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency.” They include a series of graphic depictions of how we are doing, 15 indicators of human activities such as (increasing) carbon emissions, and decreasing global tree cover, and 14 “vital signs” of global warming, such as increasing CO₂ and methane, increasing global surface temperature, increasing ocean heat content, increasing ocean acidity, decreases in various ice masses, and increases in extreme weather events. It is clear from the

charts that we have not reversed or even slowed most of the changes leading toward a crisis in global warming. The authors suggest we must pay attention to these climate “vital signs,” and take action when they are not improving or are worsening.”

(Find the full letter by searching for “BioScience 11,000 scientists.”)

This letter made headlines, but only briefly. The climate emergency has not gone away with the disappearance of the headlines. The changes in our most beautiful places and the damage to our public lands is not unrelated to the forces driving the worsening climate “vital signs.” Most relevantly for those of us who enjoy the outdoors, the authors estimate that “up to a third of emissions reductions needed by 2030 for the Paris agreement (less than 2°C rise in temperature) could be obtained with natural climate solutions” such as “protecting the remaining primary and intact forests, especially those with high carbon stores and other forests with the capacity to rapidly sequester carbon (pro-forestation), while increasing reforestation and afforestation (converting non-forested land to forest) where appropriate at enormous scales.” Oregon is better equipped than most parts of the planet to do this; and her forests provide many of the places where we most enjoy our outdoor activities.

Although Oregon’s forests are her best hope for mitigating the damage of climate change, the



Ready to go from Mac Canyon to the Mouth of the Deschutes hike: Heidi Spence

Oregon Forest Practices Act does not adequately protect our forests and waters in the face of climate change. A voter initiative to reform the FPA has been held up by Secretary of State Bev Clarno, lawsuit pending.

What can you do?

First, take the threat of the climate emergency seriously. Second, consider getting involved with one of our good local environmental organizations. Some of these we have written up in the Blazer. Some of them have very specific areas of focus. Some of them, bless them, bring lawsuits. As a Christmas present to yourself, and to the generations to come, it is worth finding one or two which are fighting the fights you find most relevant. See the list below of some of these non-profits. Most of these organizations have volunteer opportunities for all ages and skill sets. Oregon Wild has "Wild Ones" training sessions for effective letter writing and lobbying. (Consider a New Year's resolution to make one call or send one letter or email once a month, or one for every three hikes.) And soon, hopefully, we can sign petitions to get the voter initiative for reforming the Forest Practices Act on the ballot, and then vote for it! Even Oregon's children are fighting the battle against climate change, taking their battle to court.

If we want to continue to enjoy this beautiful state, this beautiful country, this beautiful planet, we need to take care of it, and stop the ongoing damage. All of the below organizations are working in some way toward that goal. (Note:

This is only a partial list.)

- [Oregon Wild](#)
- [Cascade Forest Conservancy](#)
- [Crag Law Center](#) (they are bringing the children's lawsuit!)
- [Wild Salmon Center](#)
- [Oregon Natural Desert Association](#)
- [Friends of the Columbia Gorge](#)
- [Friends of Mount Hood](#)
- [Greater Hell's Canyon Council](#)
- [Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility](#)
- [Pacific Rivers](#)
- [Trailkeepers of Oregon](#)
- [Oregon League of Conservation Voters](#)
- [Oregon Environmental Council](#)
- [Oregon Stream Protection Coalition](#)
- [Portland Audubon](#)
- [Bark](#)
- [Willamette Riverkeeper](#)
- [Columbia Riverkeeper](#)
- [The Freshwater Trust](#)

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

And for the love of this entire beautiful earth,

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season - with a good snowpack.

- *Your Conservation Committee*



Riffle on the Deschutes. Photo: Heidi Spence

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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.

Editor: Dave Hays

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

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