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

Welcome New TCO Members!

Crisse Milner
Pearl Zadnik

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Weds Night Hike, Class B
Weds, June 2, 6:00-8:00pm
Leader: Bruce Seymour

We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.



Big Huckleberry Mountain Backpack
Sat, June 5 – Sun, Jun 6
Leaders: Attila, Nathen, Pearl

This trip is 3,000 feet and 12 miles (in and out, we have not hiked this trail before so don't know if all 3,000 feet of elevation are on the first day, so we must assume so) as we look for wildflowers on this trail https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Big_Huckleberry_Mountain_Hike

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Contact: see Meetup



Silver Star, Pika and Vision Pits
Sat, June 5, 7:30am
Leader: Jennifer Samuels

This day hike is to Silver Star Summit from the Grouse Vista Trailhead. On the way down, we'll take a side trip to see the rock pits created by the first nations who lived in this area, and will take an abandoned trail down part of the way to make a loop. 8-9 miles, 2,300ish gain

Contact: see Meetup



Nesika Dorm Building/Framing
Weds, June 9 – Tues, June 15
Host: Linda Conrad

We have hired the Atterbury family to frame the dorm and roof. They will be bringing help. If you have experience framing please let me know which days you can attend. We also need cooks. We're looking for a volunteer to host and keep the generator running on Saturday, June 12. Bring your own tools. We can also clear around baby trees and clear trails. Please indicate which day(s) you are coming, what activity you plan on assisting with. Let us know if you can open gate and which day. Gate will be open daily at 9:00am, evening gate openings as needed.

Contact: sign up on Meetup

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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, 7:00pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave at SE Stark St, Portland

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EVENT CANCELATIONS

Please note that some events may be canceled at a future date, depending on late-breaking COVID-19 related issues, etc. Check the [website](#) regularly.

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, head east to 99th Ave, turn north, head 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, drive south to Evergreen Parkway turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of the Target 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.

Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021 7:00 - 9:00pm, Zoom

Present:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Rachel Eggers	Treasurer
Rebecca Knudeson	Secretary
Nathen Barton	Tyee Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee
Dolores Niebergall	Trips Trustee
Linda Conrad	Social Trustee
Glen Conrad	Nesika Trustee

Absent:

Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
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0. OUT OF SYNC—New business: The Bylaws say we are to use Robert’s Rules of Order, but we decided to use them loosely in order to have time to discuss. Generally, we will follow Robert’s Rules.

1. Treasurer’s Report, Rachel reported

Beginning Balance.....	\$20,903
Expenses.....	\$1,563
Deposits.....	\$2,494
Ending Balance.....	\$21,833

The transition from Bill Yandon to Rachel Eggers is complete. She has the scanner for sharing documents she gets in the mail box and will use it instead of USPS to send most mail.

2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika – Glen reported trees are tagged with zinc tags for tree study. We discussed locks on the gate. Ralph Bloomers has multiple game cameras in the area of Nesika and has posted on the TCO Facebook site some of the wildlife. An OSU group will research the Pacific giant salamanders near the lodge. The Board granted permission to issue keys to members Matt Laas and Nick

Wilkerson. We only need to give the Forest Service notification when driving in, not when hiking in. When driving in you need a chain saw in your vehicle because it may be needed to cut a way in and/or out.

b. Tyee Lodge — Nathen reported Matt Laas was approved for a Tyee key. Matters concerning Tyee improvements: There are no free energy audits now. We would need to pay for one. Dorm changes are on hold until a plan is finished. Insulation should be completed when any other modifications are done in the dorms. We discussed the expectations of lodge hosts and activity leaders at Tyee and Nesika.

c. Membership—Lori via email

First readings:

Laura Rogers (Portland) sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Helen Wang

Linda Landcaster (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Rachel Eggers

David Becker (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Rachel Eggers

Elizabeth Copeland (Troutdale) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jennifer Samuels

James Winkler (Portland) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Pete Recksiek

Jason Boeshans (Tigard) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Pete Recksiek

Joan Holstrom (Troutdale) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jennifer Samuels

Wendy Whorton (Tigard) sponsored by Rachel Eggers and Glen Conrad

Ruth Romer (Vancouver) sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Debi Baker

Jerry Manuel (Vancouver) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Pete Recksiek

Mary Edwards (Portland) sponsored by Rebecca Knudeson and Lotte Schmitz

Second readings, all approved:

Crissi Milner

Pearl Zadnik

Reinstatement: **Bill Peterson**

Total Membership: 345. 11 Golden; 3 Junior; 35 Life; 2 Life/Golden; 10 Provisional; 284 Regular

Board Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

- d. Publications – Joel reported
He improved the speed on the website. Cook and host instructions are now available on the site. We have 8 paper Blazer recipients. The new trip report form is available for piloting. Moved and approved to discontinue the long COVID form and only use the new participant trip log waiver that includes a section about COVID.
- e. Trips—Dolores reported In April we had two backpack events (including one membership backpack), three day hikes (including one membership hike), and four Wednesday Night Hikes. Dolores has developed a Trips Leader Training. It is scheduled for May 27th from 7:00-8:45, via Zoom. The presentation currently has 36 slides and will be reviewed by another board member. First Aid training is still in the works. We are negotiating with Adventure Medics. Sheryl has a second recommendation.
- f. Social—Linda reported She is trying to secure Fulton Community Center for our annual meeting in November.
4. New Business
- A. Thank you to Dolores for her work on the upcoming trip leader training. We discussed how the Club should be represented by trip leaders and how to handle regular no shows. Each leader has their own policy and each kind of trip requires different levels of acceptable response.
- B. Adventure Medics can do a hybrid training for \$95/person. It includes CPR and basic first aid. Most of it is done online, taking 2-3 hours. There is a skills check off in person, after which the trainee will receive a card of completion. We need at least 10 people. They also offer a 2 day training that is more advanced. An online training would be more accessible for members and make it easier for us to require such a training. We tabled a decision until next month. We also tabled the following 2 topics: Liability waiver updates An online reservation system for Tyee instead of a winter coordinator

Adjourned at 9:20 Next meeting: June 1, 2021
Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES *(continued)*



Two Creeks Ride

Weds, June 9, 10:00am departure
Leader: Charles Shaw

We will ride the entire length of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, turn up Lakeshore, turn right at Salmon Creek Trail. Short break at Kline Pond then up 99 for about 1/2 mile, stairstepping our way through Vancouver we end up back at the start. 23.6 miles; 12-14 mph; Terrain: Moderate; Elevation: 786 ft
Meet: Corner of NE 92nd and NE 19th Cir, Vancouver.
Contact: sign up on Meetup



Franklin Ridge Backpack. Photo: Pearl Zadnik



Weds Night Hike, Class B

Weds, June 9, 6:00-8:00pm
Leader: Rebecca Knudeson

We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.



Monthly Trips Planning Meeting (Zoom)

Weds, June 9, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Leaders: Dolores Niebergall, Rachel Eggers

Please consider joining our planning team!. We follow Goals are better met with Action Plans! [https://zoom.us/j/9061187636?](https://zoom.us/j/9061187636?pwd=QWdNaVBvRFE4NGU0VUZpNUZBb1Z0UT09)
[pwd=QWdNaVBvRFE4NGU0VUZpNUZBb1Z0UT09](https://zoom.us/j/9061187636?pwd=QWdNaVBvRFE4NGU0VUZpNUZBb1Z0UT09)
Meeting ID: 906 118 7636; Passcode: 1243
Contact: sign up on Meetup



Whittier Ridge Lakes Loop

Saturday, June 12, 6:00am-4:00pm
Leader: Rachel Eggers

This hike is NOT for the faint of heart Anyone with a fear of heights should not sign up! This hike is the hardest 14.2-mile hike you have ever done with 3,681 gain and 2.5 miles of ridge scramble in the middle. Microspikes required. There is no water along the trail until we get to the lakes so bring at least two liters of water and a way to filter. We will be moving at about two miles per hour average regardless of elevation/terrain. We will stop for lunch at the lakes for about 30 minutes.
Contact: (971) 645-8240; sign up on Meetup

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES *(continued)*



Mosier Tunnel Bike Ride, Hood River: A B & D
Sunday, June 13, 9:00am departure
Leader Allen Burrell

Everyone is invited on the paved bike path for the class A ride. It is about 10 miles and has some spectacular views and the historic tunnel of Hwy 30 is not to be missed. If you are up to a class B, you will ride about 25 miles with some good up and down undulation and road riding after the town of Mosier all the way to the Rowena Overlook. Should you want a real challenge, you can go on to The Dalles and ride up the steep 7-mile hill, weather and wind permitting for a total trip length of 39 miles, 3000 ft elevation gain and 10% slope. Bring a sack lunch. Water and toilets are available at the trailhead. GPS Routing with RideWithGPS: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29544751?privacy_code=rrV4MKcKiPeaViDS
 Meet: 8:45 AM at the Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead (\$5 parking fee required), east side of Hood River.
 Contact: burrell@teleport.com, (503) 288-3859. Please confirm so leader can notify you if weather requires cancelation.



Nesika Lodge Membership Hike
Sunday, June 13, 10:30am
Leader: Jennifer Samuels

This hike is intended as an introductory trip to meet Trails Club of Oregon and/or for folks who haven't visited Nesika Lodge before – a chance for new folks to join in! We'll meet at milepost 10 on E Larch Mountain Road (45.539563, -122.117228). The hike will be seven miles round trip, around 600 feet elevation change. On the way to the Lodge, we'll visit the hidden ornament trail. We'll stop for a visit at Nesika Lodge where our generous hosts will provide us lunch and drinks – and hopefully a brief talk about the history of the Lodge. Hike fulfills qualifications for TCO membership for those wanting to join the Club (trailsclub.org). Visiting a lodge as a requirement for Club membership is technically on hold for COVID restrictions – but hey – it's a hike! All COVID restrictions will be closely followed.
 Contact: sign up on Meetup



Weds Night Hike, Class B
Weds, June 16, 6:00-8:00pm
Leader: Gini Bateman

We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.



Car Camping and Day Hiking – G Pinchot
Thurs, June 17 – Sun, June 20
Leader: Jennifer Samuels

We'll stay at a quiet and private area in a campground in the Gifford Pinchot Natl Forest to use as a base camp for day hiking. There'll be room for around 7-9 tents, sharing two very large sites. On Friday and Saturday, we'll take 10-14 mile hikes. If regulations allow, we'll have evening campfires, maybe a potluck or two.
 Contact: sign up on Meetup



Royal Lake Backpack in Olympic Natl Park
Fri, June 18 – Sun, June 20
Leaders: Nathen, Pearl

We are a group of 10, and we have spots for two more people backpacking to Royal Basin Lake in Olympic National Park. Friday we will drive to the trailhead and camp. Day two we'll hike eight miles and about 2000 feet of elevation to the lake and camp, and day three return to the cars and drive home.
 Contact: sign up on Meetup



Quinault River Backpack. Photo: Linda Lancaster



Blue Lake Park Bike Ride - Class B
Saturday, June 19, 10am departure
Leader: Terry Lawson

This ride starts at Gateway and soon gets onto bike paths: I-205 path, Springwater Corridor, and Gresham-Fairview Trail before using city streets to go to Blue Lake Park, where we stop for lunch. We then continue along Marine Drive (road and path) to NE 33rd, from which we return through city streets to the start. The ride is 35 miles with 850 ft of ascent. For those wishing a shorter ride, there is the option to just come back from I-205 and Marine Drive along the I-205 bike path to the start, which cuts 10 miles and 350 ft ascent off the route.
 Meet: Front of the Gateway Park and Ride on NE 99th
 Contact: (971) 998-6072, lawson.terry@gmail.com

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES *(continued)*



Banks-Vernonia Bike Ride - Class B **Monday, June 21**

Leader: Maureen Covell

We will start at the Banks Trailhead and ride to Vernonia on a paved bike/walk/horse path. The trail was built on a former railroad bed and passes through beautiful forested land. There is a 7 mile, mild uphill section with one steep, short hill. The rest is mainly flat or downhill.

We will eat lunch in Vernonia and return along the same path. 42 miles round trip. There is an option to start this ride at the Buxton Trailhead which would shorten the ride to about 28 miles.

Meet: Banks Trailhead

Contact: (503) 954-4501, charleycvl@aol.com



Weds Night Hike, Class B

Weds, June 23, 6:00-8:00pm

Leader: TBA

Our annual solstice hike **may** be this evening. Please check the TCO website calendar before these evenings.

The solstice hike is a more strenuous 9-mile hike which ends closer to 9:00pm. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.

Sandy River/Dodge Park Bike - Class C

Saturday, June 26, 9:00am departure

Leader: Dave Crout

Join in for a ride that follows the Sandy River from its mouth to Dodge Park and crosses it twice. We



will start at Lewis and Clark State Park near Troutdale, head south on the Historic Columbia River Highway for a few miles before crossing the

river on the Stark Street Bridge, ride up and down the hills and dales and across the farmland above the river, then cross the river once more at Dodge Park, where we turn around. Total distance is approximately 30 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,800 feet. Be prepared for some short but steep hills. COVID protocols will be followed, carpooling discouraged for people not members of the same household.

Meet: Lewis and Clark State Park Near Troutdale

Contact: (503) 460-9782, dave_sandy@comcast.net.



Weds Night Hike, Class B

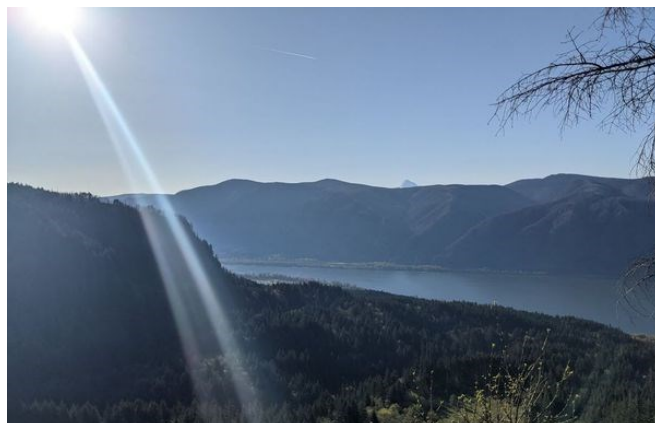
Weds, June 30, 6:00-8:00pm

Leader: TBA

Our annual solstice hike **may** be this evening. Please check the TCO website calendar before these evenings.

The solstice hike is a more strenuous 9-mile hike which ends closer to 9:00pm. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.



Archer Mountain Hike. Photo: Craig G



Curious Cub near Nesika. Photo: Ralph Bloemers



Gumjuwac-Badger Lake Hike. Photo: Rachel Eggers



Franklin Ridge Hike. Photo: Nathen Barton



Nesika Work Day. Photo: Beverly Drotter

Nesika Lodge is open for reservations!

To reserve Nesika Lodge, please contact Glen and Linda Conrad (360) 907-5096 or (360) 907-9952



Linda and Glen will provide instructions for:

- Using the Lodge (orientation), including special instructions for use during construction phase of the Redwing Dorm
- Getting and using a gate/Lodge key
- Notifying Glen when you are coming and going so that he can contact the USFS Duty Supervisor
- Linda and Glen will also get your reservation on the TCO website calendar



Nesika Membership Hike. Photo: Jennifer Samuels



Cast Creek Wildflower Hike. Photo: Pearl Zadnik

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Gentle Reminders

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

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: Jennifer Samuels

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