

# Trail Blazer

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Leader: Rebecca Knudeson

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

Trips Leader Team Building Backpack
Sat, Sept 4 – Mon, Sept 6

Leads: Jennifer Samue's, Dolores Niebergall
Jennifer and Dolores are hosting a fun, teambuilding trip for our fellow trip leaders! This is a trip
to backpack together, make connections, share
ideas, bond, have fun and get ready for another
great year of trips. This trip is for current and future
TCO Trip Leaders. We'll plan to be home by Labor
Day BBQ dinner time.

See Meetup for more details

### Merrell Event – Hike Moulton to Bells Sat, Sept 4, 9:30am Leader: Sheryl Wagner

Merrell is celebrating their 40th anniversary by donating to Big Brothers Big Sisters. For a certain number of steps counted in September, they will make a donation. In addition, they will be doing a raffle for hiking boots, trail runners and more! We are working with them to bring some sample boots and shoes to this event as well as other free stuff! No sign up needed, but if you want to be counted, go to our Meetup page and let us know you are coming! Remember, TCO members hike free, other are \$2 each. Bring cash.

See Meetup for more details

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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 (<u>TrailsClub.org</u>) 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 (<u>Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/</u>). 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 (<a href="www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a>), 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 August 3, 2021 - Zoom

Present:

Sheryl Wagner
Beverly Drotter
Rachel Eggers
Rebecca Knudeson

Joel Reitz Bill Yandon

Absent: Glen Conrad

Lori Leach Linda Conrad Dolores Niebergall President Vice President Treasurer Secretary

Publications Trustee Tyee Trustee

Nesika Trustee Membership Trustee Social Trustee Trips Trustee

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$22,575
Expenses	\$13,115
Deposits	
Ending Balance	\$9,460

Note: The checks and payments are unusually high because of reimbursements for money that had come in earlier for the McKenzie River trip.

#### 2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika - Sheryl in Glen's absence Everything is going well on the Redwing rebuild. The roof plywood should be done today. We'll finish only to the roof this year. Windows will be delivered at the end of August. We need to transport them down the trail. They will go in before the rains come. All plywood on the outside has been painted. Siding will wait until next year. We will need to find a new Nesika trustee since Glen is stepping down this month.

b.Tyee Lodge - Bill reported We need to replace the water heater in the women's restroom. A recirculating pump can supply the women's restroom. It will save us the water dumped from that heater. We are planning to clean the chimney. We discussed how often we need to clean it.

The main water valve isn't closing completely all the time. It can have a real slow spin. We need to watch it. The replacement of the main supply gate valve will be difficult due to its location in the crawl space a foot or so behind the wall where the existing valve handles are located. Our water supply likely contains a lot of small granular particles that may be causing trouble with the valve seating or causing wear. Debris in the water supply has also been a problem for valves at the sinks, especially at the triple sink.

The furnace has been checked and is fine. We'll have an oil delivery this month from Pounder Oil. Due to a driver shortage, there will be a short notice of delivery.

We had two weekend work parties, one in late June and one in mid-July. We had 10 to 12 attend on Saturday for each and had four to six stay overnight.

The siding on the south outside wall was installed where the fire escape was removed. The work was performed by Chaz Shaw, Kim Knudeson, and Paul Cutter. We cleared all downed trees off the winter trail and the trail to the sled hill. thoroughly cleaned the Lodge including the windows and disinfected the dining room and kitchen, replaced mouse bait stations, inspected the foundation for access, checked fire alarms and emergency lighting, and replaced two fire extinguishers. Joel replaced the lights in the basement with LEDs and will move on to the dorms. He is also working to add power outlets. We cleared tent sites around Lodge, cleaned up debris around Lodge, checked for hazardous low hanging limbs, restacked wood under the winter cover outside the Lodge and filled Inside wood storage. Jeff Lawton stained railings, steps, and benches on the back deck, repaired and replaced ropes along winter trail, inventoried consumables and listed things to resupply. We had time to sit in the shade and socialize at the June work party. It was a very hot weekend. In July, a couple of different groups went on hikes/walks in the area.

We discussed input from Tyee Committee regarding "egg crate" mattresses in dorms.

# **Board Meeting Minutes** (continued)

- c. Membership Lori absent
- d. Publications Joel reported
  There was nothing special. He has kept the
  website going and published The Blazer. He'll
  work on speeding up the site. Some things can't
  be changed with WordPress. He will put a guide
  on the site about how to edit.
- e. Trips Dolores via email Thank you to all who led events in July. We have some dedicated and organized leaders and we appreciate you! Biking group: 5 rides Backpacking: 3 events Wednesday night hikes: 4 hikes Kudos to all of the leaders who chose safety and cancelled events due to extreme heat and unfavorable conditions. Safety of all participants was held in high order and very much appreciated. We're still recruiting hike leaders for weekday and/or weekend day hikes, including membership hikes. These can be local to Portland or out of town. If interested, please contact TripsChair@trailsclub.org We discussed the need to compile a list of trip leaders. Joel has a list of all people who have hosted an event since we started using the new website. There are some fun events planned in the next couple months.
- f. Social Linda
  The picnic will be held at Lacamas Lake in
  August. The annual meeting will be held in
  November. Linda wants to resign from the
  board this year, midway through her term.
- 4. New Business
- Elections
   Discussed nominating committee and upcoming elections.
- b. We discussed the need for a process to employ when The Mazamas ask to use Tyee as an overflow. The Vice President has been a clearing house for summer lodge use in the past before we had a public calendar. With the use of a public calendar now, that job isn't really needed. Joel will put out a short survey via email to all key holders asking about their interest in hosting when Mazamas have a need. We may then contact Mazamas and Timberline Ski School about possibly using Tyee.

- We discussed verifying the accuracy of information before we pass it on to club members.
- d. The treasurer asked whether Paypal payments for hikes could automatically be passed on to the hike leader. Our suggestion is for people to screenshot their payment and send it to the trip leader as proof of payment. This process won't require the treasurer's time to inform leaders of payments. We will notify the membership about this practice. Hosts and event leaders will be asked to post the directions on Meetup for sending a screenshot of payment.
- e. Bylaw changes
  Under trips, we need to take out the requirement
  of approving trips 3 months ahead of time.
  Currently, trips are official only if they are placed
  on Club's calendar. The Board has the right to
  move any not deemed appropriate for the TCO.

Will email board to determine a September date for our next board meeting.

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary





## **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES** (continued)



Wednesday Night Hike Weds, Sept 8, 6:00-8:00pm Leader: TBD

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.



4-Day Backpacking Olympic National Park Sat, Sept 11 - Tues, Sept 14 **Leaders: Chris Seubert, Dolores** Niebergall

This is a four day, 41 mile backpacking trip in Olympic National Park and is for experienced backpackers. Staircase Ranger Station above Lake Cushman to the Graves Creek Trailhead, upstream from Lake Quinault. This trek goes up the North Fork of the Skokomish River and up the Duckabush River to Lake Marmot; then over the O'Neil Pass and down into the Enchanted Valley and through the Quinault River Valley to the trailhead at Graves Creek. Leader Chris is arranging shuttle.

See Meetup for more details



Wednesday Night Hike Weds, Sept 15, 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.



Tyee September Work Party Sat, Sept 18 - Sun, Sept 19 Leader: Bill Yandon

We will continue to work on maintenance projects at the Lodge: plumbing repairs, general cleaning, topping off firewood inside the Lodge, clearing the winter trail and rope repair, and general paint or staining of deck and exterior. There will be an updated list of jobs at the work party, as always there will be a range of chores from easy to more challenging. There may be a stroll in the area. When signing up, let host know which meals

you'll be attending. Sleeping outside in tents is preferred.

See Meetup for more details Contact: wkyandon@gmail.com



Wednesday Night Hike Weds, Sept 22, 6:00-8:00pm Leader: TBD

We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh.



**Nesika Work Trip** Fri, Sept 24 – Sun, Sept 26 Leaders: Linda and Glen Conrad

See Meetup for more details



Mt Adams 2-night Backpack Fri, Sept 24 - Sun, Sept 26 **Leader: Jennifer Samuels** 

This will be a fun and relaxing trip taking in some of the highlights of the S / SW side of Mt. Adams. Be prepared for fun, positive conversation and beautiful sights. 20ish miles, 3,500 gain, base camp, be prepared for a creek crossing or two. See Meetup for more details



Canby Ferry Bike Ride, Class C Sun, Sept 26, 8:45 – 5:00 **Leader: Dave Crout** 

A beautiful and challenging ride from Oregon City to Canby, across the Willamette, up and over Pete's Mountain to West Linn, and back to Oregon City over the Arch Bridge. This ride includes the Molalla Forest Road multiuse path in Canby, the Canby Ferry, scenic farmland, countryside south of the river, and great views north of the river. 28 miles, 1,500 feet gain \$3 per bike on the ferry. Optional lunch at end of ride.

Meet: Jon Storm Park, 1801 Clackamette Dr.,

Oregon City

Contact: Dave Crout: (503) 460-9782, dave sandy@comcast.net

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#### 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; nonmembers 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