



Trail Blazer

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Wednesday Night Hike

Weds, Sept 1, 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.



Trips Leader Team Building Backpack

Sat, Sept 4 – Mon, Sept 6

Leads: Jennifer Samuels, Dolores Niebergall

Jennifer and Dolores are hosting a fun, team-building 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



Hike & Dine is Back! Photos: Rebecca Knudeson

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Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021 - Zoom

Present:

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| Sheryl Wagner | President |
| Beverly Drotter | Vice President |
| Rachel Eggers | Treasurer |
| Rebecca Knudeson | Secretary |
| Joel Reitz | Publications Trustee |
| Bill Yandon | Tyee Trustee |

Absent:

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| Glen Conrad | Nesika Trustee |
| Lori Leach | Membership Trustee |
| Linda Conrad | Social Trustee |
| Dolores Niebergall | Trips Trustee |

1. Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance..... | \$22,575 |
| Expenses..... | \$13,115 |
| Deposits..... | \$612 |
| 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
- a. Elections
Discussed nominating committee and upcoming elections.
 - b. We discussed the need for a process to employ when The Mazamas ask to use Tye 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 Tye.

- c. 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



Burnt Lk Paradise Backpack. Photo: Helen Wangyi



Ramona Bald Mtn Backpack. Photo: Rachel Eggers

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Leader: TBD

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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 Knudson

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.
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 **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
See Meetup for more details

 **Wednesday Night Hike**
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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.

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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; 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