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March Events

11-13	Fri-Sun	Deschutes River Backpack
12-13	Sat-Sun	Deschutes River Backpack
19-27	Sat-Sun	Tyee Spring Break
19	Sat	Nesika Road Clearing
25-27	Fri-Sun	Sutton Mountain Backpack

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



June Lake Snowshoe. Photo: Sheryl Wagner

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Deschutes River Backpack
Fri, Mar 11 – Sun, Mar 13
Host: Linda Conrad

25 miles, two nights, along the Deschutes River. Be prepared for winter. Let leader know if you can drive so that shuttle can be arranged. Signup: see Meetup or (360) 907-5096



Deschutes River One Night Backpack
Sat, Mar 12 - Sun, Mar 13
Host: Crisse Milner

Eight mile out and back, one night backpack. We'll meet up with the group coming from the other direction and camp together. Signup: see Meetup



Tyee Spring Break
Sat, Mar 19 – Sun, Mar 27
Hosts needed

Signup: contact Paul Cutter, (360) 977-8381 or tyeechair@trailsclub.org



Nesika Road Clearing
Sat, Mar 19, 9:00-3:00
Host: Linda Conrad

Trip is dependent on snow level. We'll clear 5+ miles of road and Monster Trail into Nesika Lodge. Lunch and Drinks provided. Signup: see Meetup



Trout Creek Backpack. Photo: Sharon Selvaggio

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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

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 listing of events. Registration on the website is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our website to use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022 7:00-9:00
Zoom

Attendees:

President: Bev Drottar
 Vice President: Jennifer Samuels
 Treasurer: Rachel Eggers
 Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson
 Publications: Joel Reitz
 Nesika Trustee: Glen Conrad
 Tyee Trustee: Paul Cutter
 Social Trustee: Julia Mace
 Trips Trustee: Crisse Milner

Absent:

Membership Trustee: Lori Leach

Regular Business:

January minutes approved by email, prior to Blazer printing.

1. Treasurer, Rachel reported

Beginning balance.....	\$2,714
Checks and payments.....	\$727
Deposits and credits.....	\$5,967
Balance.....	\$7,954

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 budget. After a discussion, it was unanimously approved.

2. Membership report, Lori absent
3. Publications, Joel reported
Joel has taken control of Meetup from Jeff Lawton. He hasn't yet converted it to a pro account. There will be a \$200 charge for the upgrade.
4. Nesika, Glen reported
Nothing new to report.

5. Tyee, Paul reported
Tyee has been open four of five weekends in January. Work parties have been posted on the website avoiding Nesika work parties and social events. On 2/12 the Tyee "committee" will meet to collect, review and develop ideas for Tyee. Our main focus will be some sort of improvement for the dorms. Richard Gaunt has designed a replacement for the removed south fire escape. We will work on it this summer.

6. Trips, Crisse reported
We had 6 hikes including those at Champoeg, We also had a sledding weekend, a snowshoe, a backpack, ski lessons and a trip planning meeting. A Google group was formed for trip leaders to coordinate activities.

7. Social, Julia reported
The first Social Event of 2022 was held on 1/23/22. The day was graced by sun, hiking and lunch under the towering Oak Grove at Champoeg State Park. There were a total of 38 attendees. The 3 hikes included 41 participants; yes, some people went on 2 hikes. Many member cards were signed as well.

A family focused social activity is scheduled for Sunday, 2/27/22. The plan is for families to complete a scavenger hunt along the CZ Trail in Scappoose, OR. Activities planned include mixer games, a craft and snacks. Parents will supervise their children during this event. TCO volunteers will serve as hosts.

March's social event is being planned for <edited> April 9, 2022. More details to come.

Save the date! The TCO Annual Banquet is happening Sunday, May 15, 2022. The location will be along the Willamette at the Champoeg Memorial Building and Pavillion. This outdoor venue seats 200 people, so there will be plenty of room for TCO members and their guests to attend this celebration. You'll want to be included in this afternoon event that features a catered meal by a MG Smokehouse, plus LIVE musical entertainment. More details are coming!


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Board Meeting (continued)

New Business:

1. A motion was proposed by Julia Mace to accept the following Inclusion Statement. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Inclusion Statement states:
TCO wishes to be an inclusive organization that helps increase access to outdoor activities for everyone, including people who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and people of all physical abilities and socio-economic status.

Purpose:  An inclusion statement welcomes diverse individuals and serves as a guide for inclusive practices.

Possible next steps:

TCO members to collaborate on inclusive practices.

TCO to partner with diverse groups.

TCO to support outdoor access for all.

2. Discussed our current covid policy for lodges.
Moved and seconded to more clearly define the meaning of 'pods.'
Motion failed: 3 in favor, 4 opposed, with 2 abstentions; no change to policy at this time.
We will address the issue next month under new business.

3. We discussed vaccination and mask mandates in outdoor settings. We decided that any requirements were at the discretion of the trip leader. A leader may decline to take an individual for any reason, especially for lack of preparedness. Vaccination status and/or mask may be another criteria a leader exercises.

4. The board discussed disciplinary actions.

Next meeting March 8 on Zoom
The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.
Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

The **Tyee Committee** met on Feb 12. We discussed projects for 2022. It was agreed that the main focus will be in providing better privacy and lighting in both dorms. The idea is to create family spaces but having the option to be flexible. Some outside projects were agreed on, rebuilding the southern fire escape and a shade of green paint for exterior windows was chosen which meets Forest Service standards. Our first work party of the year will be in mid-April but may be changed due to snow level and lack of vehicle access. I'm looking for volunteer hosts on the Oregon spring break week.

- Paul Cutter, Tyee Trustee



Empty Boots

Leonard Murphy (1933-2022)

Volunteer for the Social Committee!

The Social Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the planning and execution of this year's Social Events. Let's make 2022 a year to connect safely outdoors!

There are five remaining events scheduled, they are already on the TCO calendar for you to check out. I'm collecting names and contact information from TCO members who would like to be included in any way with these Social Events. As a volunteer, you get to tell me where you'd like to help out and for how long. But once you commit, I'm holding you to it!

Specifically, I'm seeking help for:

Saturday, April 9: Cape Horn Conservancy Day

Sunday, May 15: TCO Annual Banquet 5/15/22, specific roles include: marketing skills (digital e-vite and social media promotions), emcees, designers for the program/acknowledgments, support contact for the musical entertainment day of the event, support contact for the caterer day of the event, designer for the raffle/auction, decorations, manage raffle, historical slide show, clean up, set up...

July and September: two Hike and Dines

Saturday, November 5: TCO Annual Meeting
Email: socialchair@trailsclub.org to volunteer!

-TCO Social Chair, Julia Mace



Milo McIver State Park Hike. Photo: Glen Conrad



Tyee Snowshoe. Photo: Sheryl Wagner



TCO Day at Champoeg State Park. Photo: Julia Mace

John Craig Memorial Ski Race and Tour

Saturday, March 19, 2022
A skiing tradition since the 1930's.

The Oregon Nordic Club will host The John Craig Memorial Ski Race and Tour on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

This event includes self-timed races of 6-12 miles and causal ski tours of the same lengths. Event begins at the East Snow Gate of Highway 242 (McKenzie Pass Highway).

For information contact: Ted Scheinman:
johncraigmemorial@onc.org
or by phone at 503-914-9584 or go to the Oregon Nordic Club Website at www.onc.org.

Registration: [onc-pdx.org/
events/john-craig-memorial-](http://onc-pdx.org/events/john-craig-memorial-)

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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.

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