



Trail Blazer

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JUNE EVENTS

Event information, sign-up and scheduling are available on

TCO Website Calendar

<https://trailsclub.org/activities/calendar>

Meetup

www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon

1	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
5	Sun	Cook Hill Loop Hike
8	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
12	Sun	"When I'm 64" Bday Hike
15	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
17-19	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip
22	Weds	Annual Triple Crown Solstice Hike
24-26	Fri-Sun	Tyee work party
24-29	Fri-Weds	Tyee is open
27-28	Mon-Tues	Burnt Lake Backpack
29	Weds	Possible Weds Eve Condit Hike



Nesika Lunch Hike. Photo: Rebecca Knudeson



NESIKA LODGE:

Hike Leaders! Seeking a membership hike leader for Saturday, June 18. If you are interested call Linda Conrad.



TYEE LODGE:

Winter snows are lingering. Three feet of snow on West Leg Rd, piled up to the top of the windows at the lodge and slow, slow thaw. Paul Cutter's estimate for vehicle access is early July. Snow is limiting access for outside projects. Paul and Joel Reitz installed the cables to support the drapes in the dorms. We're seeking a volunteer to hem 16 drapes for the lower bunks. If anybody knows of a volunteer, contact Paul.

Welcome New TCO Members!

Brenda Gaither
Nancy Schmidt
Eric Strehlow

SAVE THE DATES: 2022 Tyee Work Parties

June 24-26

Aug TBD

July 29-31

Oct 21-23

Sept 23-25

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President: Bev Drottar
Vice President: Jennifer Samuels
Membership Trustee: Lori Leach
Publications: Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee: Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee: Paul Cutter
Trips Trustee: Crisse Milner
Social Trustee: Julia Mace

Absent:

Treasurer: Rachel Eggers
Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson

Guest:
History Chair: Linda Conrad

7:02 – President called to order

Treasurer Report – Rachel via email
Question: what was furnace purchase of \$3,500? We received two donations for a woodstove for the Nesika Dorm. Question for Rachel: confirmation that the \$3,500 was received and deposited?

Membership Report – Lori

Provisional Members:
None

First Readings:

Dawn Ray (Vancouver) Sponsored by Olivia Bakke and Julia Mace

Nicole Beatty (Vancouver) Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Cynthia Lee

Approved Second Readings:

Brenda Gaither (Vancouver) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska

Nancy Schmidt (Dundee) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska

Eric Strehlow (Vancouver) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska

Publications – Joel

We're now using Stripe, less expensive and easier than PayPal. Guest are buying banquet tickets on Stripe.

Nesika Report – Glen

One work trip this month - road clearing and splitting wood. Had to cancel a second trip due to snow. Work trip this coming weekend (May 6/7) – dozen people signed up. Order placed with Parr lumber for board and batten. Parr is waiting to hear that road is clear and then will deliver. Cindy Lee may donate a hearth. All Nesika work needs to be done by end of Sept 2022 (two years from start date). We may need to rent some scaffold to complete work.

Tyee Report – Paul

Still six feet of snow. Dorms have been insulated. We have a volunteer to hem the drapes and are working next on the fire escape. Question: do we need to provide an "Annual Operating Plan" to the Forest Service by April 1 each year? Are there multiple forms that need to be completed each year? Paul will read/research and take care of it. Paul had a question from a board member about whether we have a 2-5 year plan for Tyee; we don't, but Paul will bring something to the board in November.

Trips Report – Crisse

Wednesday night hikes are back on. This month we had one camping trip, one backpacking trip and seven hikes. Trip leaders are doing lots of planning.

Social Report – Julia

Cape Horn Social: 21 participants, there was one group clearing ivy and another group hiking. Everyone met at Nancy Russell Overlook. Thank you to volunteers who hosted trips and lunch. The annual banquet is Sun, May 15 – we're at 43 people. Everything all set up to go and volunteers signed up. We had a discussion around board members speaking at the banquet. Board members are encouraged to mingle and welcome guests. Can we call some folks to invite them to the banquet? Next event is Hike and Dine at Tyee in July.

Historian Report – Linda

Linda has gone through all the boxes except one folder. Linda shared a concern that was raised by past conservation chairs: is the board supporting that position?

Board Meeting (continued)

Discussion about how to clarify and support role going forward – need to discuss before getting another volunteer in that spot. Linda has a recommendation for a conservation chair – she will approach that person to explore. Linda will bring a file box of materials to Nesika Lodge. Question: what should Linda do with a flash drive of pictures from the 50s-90s that Ralph Bloemers gave her? Linda will send the flash drive to Joel to upload in Dropbox.

New business

Joel: monthly publication of The Blazer in paper form is down to three. We'll consider this being the final year that The Blazer is in print.
Joel: we received useful feedback from the student who reviewed our website as a class project. He is working on making some of the recommendations for improvement.

Lori moved to conclude the meeting, Glen seconded, vote unanimous.
Meeting concluded: 8:10

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Samuels
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 7:00pm on Zoom

TCO 2022 Annual Banquet

More than 60 people made the drive down to Champoeg State Park on a chilly, soggy spring day to attend the annual TCO Banquet.

The afternoon's event included a fun "get-to-know-you" game organized by Paul Cutter, followed by special guest speaker Chandra LeGue, author of "*Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide*" who shared a slide presentation highlighting great hikes through ancient forests all over Oregon. Authentic old-timey string band music was provided by Possum Six Pack, who kept attendees entertained during the dining portion of the event. More than a few folks left with a smile on their face having won some of the great raffle prizes won out throughout the afternoon.

A special thank you to event-chair, Julia Mace and all the volunteers that made this year's banquet a success!



Photos: Kim Barnett



Bridal Veil Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir



Nesika Wood Chopping. Photo: Glen Conrad



Tye Lodge Bunk Drapes. Photo: Julia Mace



Empty Boots Leonard Wesley Murphy

Oct 10, 1933 - Feb 6, 2022

Leonard Wesley Murphy was born in Portland, Oregon and died peacefully at home in Tucson, AZ on February 6, 2022 with family at his side. He is survived by his wife Melva; daughter Susan; grandson Evan; stepchildren Cindy, Mark, Tom (Steph); sisters and spouses Beverly (Fred), Betty (Russ), Bonnie (Steve); seven step-grandchildren, four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He loved his BIG family.

Leonard grew up in Hood River. After graduating from Hood River high school in 1951, Leonard joined friends for his first climbing experience, carrying supplies for a fireworks display up the north face of Mt. Hood. He was drafted into the Army in 1954 spending most of his time in Germany. After discharge in 1956, he worked as a BLM Land Surveyor for 30 years, travelling across the United States to national parks and Indian reservations verifying boundaries.



Hiking became a passion. Leonard joined Trails Club of Oregon (TCO) in 1980 eventually becoming club president. He organized and led outings to understand the roots of conservation issues which were very well attended. Upon retirement from BLM at the age of 57, Leonard became a full-time volunteer with the Clackamas County Retired Senior Volunteer Service and did more work with the conservation committee of the TCO, including compiling their history. Volunteering for Adventist Hospice was a great experience for Leonard in the early 2000s.

Donations in Leonard's honor may be made to:
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, 1632 NW
Aspen Ave, Portland, OR 97210
The Lambert House VOAOR, 3910 SE Stark St,
Portland, OR 97214

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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.

Blazer Editor: Jennifer Samuels

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