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AUGUST 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



Merwin Lake Paddle. Photo: Sheryl Wagner

31-1	Sun-Mon	Pamelia Lake Backpack
31-5	Sun-Fri	Tyee Open
2	Tues	Mirror Lake, Tom Dick Harry Hike
3	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
9	Tues	Board Meeting
10	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
10-12	Weds-Fri	Old Snowy Backpack and Climb
17	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
19-21	Fri-21	Nesika Work Trip
20	Sat	Nesika Membership Hike
24	Weds	(possible) Weds Eve Conditioning
26-28	Fri-Sun	Tyee Work Party
27-5	Sat-Mon	Benchmark to Rogers Pass (MT)
31	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike

LODGE WORK TRIPS

NESIKA LODGE

Aug 19-21
Sept 16-18
Oct 15-16

TYEE LODGE

Aug 26-28
Sept 23-25
Oct 21-23

Now Recruiting Trip Leaders!

Bike trips, rambles in the city, day hikes, kayaking, snowshoeing, cross country ski trips, backpacking and camping are just a few of the activities we offer! If you enjoy outdoor activities there are probably other members who would love to meet you and join in!

Trails Club trips are a wonderful way to make friends, develop a community and connect with like-minded individuals who enjoy being active and hanging out in the outdoors.

We are seeking Trip Leaders to lead all types of trips of varying intensity and duration. Want to take a two mile stroll at Tryon Creek? A neighborhood walk? An intense elevation gain scramble? We have hikers who would love to meet you and tag along!

Want to enjoy a leisurely car camping trip by the side of the lake? Or do you enjoy caring your load and backpacking into a secluded spot? We have members who are excited to join you.

Is bike riding your thing? Oregon has lots of places for you to explore and we have members who are awaiting your trips!

Summer heat has arrived and the water is just right for kayaking adventures! **Post a trip and bring along some company!** If you would like more information about leading trips or help getting started please contact Crisse Milner, TripsChair@trailsclub.org

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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 when the date is at least the 4th, 7:00pm, over Zoom. See the calendar on the TCO website for the link if you wish to attend. Contact the President prior to a meeting if you have an issue to bring to the board.

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.

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 pay your membership dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

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Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

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

Absent:

Nesika Trustee: Glen Conrad
 Membership: Lori Leach

Regular Business:

June minutes were approved by email.

1. Treasurer’s report: Rachel

Beginning Balance.....	\$4,624
Checks and Payments.....	\$3,588
Deposits and Credits.....	\$21,146
Ending Balance.....	\$22,1812

Deposits include a transfer from the investment fund.

Mileage Reimbursement: The IRS has increased mileage to a little more than \$.65/mile.

- Nesika is budgeted for \$300 in mileage reimbursement. Tyee is not budgeted at all.
- We should budget a minimum of 1,000 miles for each lodge trustee, which is \$650.
- For lodges that have big projects like the Nesika rebuild, we should budget \$1,000, which is around 1,500 miles.
- We need a vote to change the budgets.

It was moved and seconded to add \$650 for Tyee’s 2022 budget and \$700 more (for a total of \$1,000) for Nesika’s budget for mileage reimbursement in 2022. It was unanimously approved.

The trailer registration was updated.

2. Membership report: Lori via email

Provisional Members:

Kathleen Curry

First Readings:

John Kroger (Vancouver) – Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Loriann McNeill
 Chizuru Naruse (Portland) – Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir
 Elmer Galbi (Lake Oswego) – Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Rebecca Knudeson

Approved Second Readings: None

3. Publications report: Joel

Nothing new to report.

4. Nesika report: Glen via email

We were able to get all of the siding and trim painted in the basement on this month’s trip. It is nice to have a dry place to paint. Three sets of shop lights were added to the basement of Green Fern to make this happen. The siding crew got the board installed on the door side of the dormitory. That side is still waiting for the batten. We will work on the chimney side and hopefully the ends of building next work trip when we have the scaffolding. We also hope to build and add the step decks to the stairs at the same time if we get enough workers. Many thanks to our cooks and volunteers who make our work possible. The trails to the lodge were very overgrown. Thanks to hard workers for limb lopping and brushing the short cut trail and the Monster Trail to the parking lot. We still need to clear the basin, Cougar Rock trail and Franklin Ridge trail access. The lawn mower broke so if anyone has a lawn mower to donate that would be great. We had a great show of day hikers from two different groups and many Membership forms were handed out. We will take up the old printer and see if we can get it to work to copy forms for the future. We need help at the next work trip which may be up to a week long to get board and batten on while we have the rented planks for the scaffolding. We need this for nailing and for painting. We could also use some cooks for Fri through Weds. Please call Linda Conrad if you would like to cook or help cook, 360-907-5096.

Board Meeting (continued)

5. Tyee report: Paul

On June 13th Tyee still had 5ft snowdrifts blocking the driveway. At that time Paul became aware that the Boy Scouts had hired a Gresham contractor to clear their driveway. They agreed to clear Tyee's for \$350 which took 2 machines and 2 hours.

Afterward, he was able to move up fire escape material for our work ten days later. At the work party, the fire escape was started, basement cleared and junk removed to dump. Shelving in women's bathroom was installed, the chimney was cased in pine tongue and groove, changing areas were installed in both dorms and another 10 drapes hung. The love seat and carpet were placed in the newly cleaned out area near audio equipment. A coffee table will follow. The winter trail was cleared of fallen trees.

6. Trips report: Crisse

Thank you to all have been involved in trip planning. We had 7 hikes last month including 1 membership hike, and 1 backpack and 1 planning meeting.

7. Social report: Julia

The first of two Hike and Dine events is scheduled for July 16th, 2022, and is hosted at Tyee Lodge. Thank you to our hike leaders, cooks and lodge host for volunteering to make this event amazing!

Plan to join in on the next Hike and Dine which is scheduled for 9/10/22 at Nesika. Watch for the Meetup post to sign up in August! Cooks and hike leaders will be needed. Reach out to me if you are interested.

The Annual Meeting will be on 11/13/22. Be sure to save the date on your calendar now and join us!

There is room for more volunteers. If you are interested in organizing and supporting the upcoming Social Events for 2022, all are welcome! Also, this position will be open for a new chair in November, join us now to get your feet wet! Just email me to express your interest SocialChair@trailsclub.org

8. History report: Linda Conrad

The history collection is making its way to Nesika. Help is needed on work trips to place material into archival sleeves. We could use a bookcase for displaying pictures which are less than archival but interesting. Records also need sorting. Some board members have been helping. We have decided that keeping trip reports older than 7 years is no longer necessary. We will keep the archival trip reports because some are entertaining. We will also keep some of the old banquet announcements as they are also entertaining. We do have duplicates of many of them. We may want to see if a museum would like to have some of them. We have duplicate copies of Blazers and old directories. Maybe we can offer extras to Trails Club Members for a fee to raise money.

Backpacking class in November. Plans are coming along well. Olivia Bakke is helping Linda find speakers. We have cooks and hosts. We want to charge \$85 per person without discounts to TCO. We will be hiring 3 speakers and Six Moon Designs. This should be a money maker for the club.

Nomination Committee Report: We are seeking nominees. It appears we need a Social Trustee and Glen would like to assist a new Trustee for Nesika. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Linda Conrad.

New Business:

1. We discussed appropriate posts on our TCO Facebook page.

2. Lodge fee changes, Paul.

Paul suggested we charge 20% more for lodge fees with incentives for volunteer work. Next month we will discuss the following lodge fee updates.

Paul suggested that for every 6 hours donated at a work weekend, 1 free night at the lodge would be issued by the lodge trustee. The vouchers could be awarded at the annual meeting.

For youth groups:

Moved, seconded and approved that any youth group of 12 or more youth (under 18 years), will receive a 20% discount effective immediately.

Proposed Lodge Fee Increases:

The 20% increase tracks the inflation from 2017 to 2022. Last changed on May 1, 2017 (5+ years ago)		20%
	current	proposed
Adult Member Overnight (18+)	15	18
Junior Member Overnight (12-<18)	10	12
Child of Member Overnight (<12)	5	6
Child of Member Overnight (12-<18)	15	18
Member Family Cap	40	48
Adult Guest and non-member spouse Overnight (12+)	25	30
Child of Guest Overnight (<12)	10	12
Guest Family Cap	60	72
Day use	3	4
Unscheduled opening minimum	35	42
Tyee unscheduled opening Nov 1 - April 30	75	90

- for all individuals. Our primary area of focus is marginalized groups that do not have access to the outdoors as current TCO members are privileged to enjoy.
- The committee will report monthly to the board in writing and in person by the committee chair.
 - The committee responsibilities will include serving as the heart of TCO. Possible ways to complete this include: acknowledging new members with a greeting upon application and acceptance into the club, following up to see if new members are getting connected and answering questions, mentoring members on organization in roles of hosting, trip leadership, social activity planning, and taking on leadership positions. Also, acknowledging the contributions of current members when time and resources are donated.
 - This committee would work closely with Social, Trips and Membership committees.
 - Budget: At this time no expenses are needed. Communication will be either in person or digital.

3. New Outreach committee, Julia

In early 2022, the TCO Board adopted an Inclusion Statement with the intent of creating a more diverse club that increases access to the outdoors for all.

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

Motion: TCO will establish an Outreach Committee for the purpose of taking intentional steps to create diversity within the club, to support access to the outdoors for all individuals and to be a space where members are acknowledged and feel they belong. It was seconded and approved.

- Details:**
- This will include partnering with community organizations, to explore how TCO members and assets can support access to the outdoors

4. Awards and recognitions for 2022, Julia
The Annual Meeting is a time to Celebrate! I'd like to have some fun acknowledging each other with more diverse awards and recognition this year. I would like to have a committee or a group of people participate in this process. The general membership would be welcome to contribute suggestions. I'm not sure whose role it typically is, but I'd like to be involved in it too!

Current TCO Awards:
<https://trailsclub.org/resources/>

- Possible Awards:**
- new member contributions and acknowledgments
 - Lifetime members
 - lodge chairs (gifts)

- Possible Recognitions:**
- led the most hikes or backpacks
 - hosted the most nights
 - most creative host and/or hike
 - board members (give gift of 4 Free Lodge overnights)

Board Meeting (continued)

Possible Recognitions (continued)

- Hike leaders (give gift of TCO hat or t-shirt or other usable gift)
- Ruff Pack (TCO trail dogs and their humans)
- Squatter (the most year round lodge stays)
- Biggest Family (signed the most membership cards)
- Herald of TCO (the most enthusiastic promoter of TCO)
- new hike leaders for 2022

TCO pride and advertising: Have TCO work with a vendor to offer merchandise: hats, t-shirts, bandanas, vinyl stickers, hiking micro-towels.

5. Opal Creek proposal for Tye, Paul Paul received an email from Ancient Forests of Opal Creek regarding possible use of Tye for their outdoor programs such as winter safety/survival outdoor school, Native American youth snowshoe program, and wilderness first aid training. Ancient Forests of Opal Creek are homeless after losing all but one building at Jawbone Flats. They are based in Sandy at the present.

Paul met with Daniel, their outdoor coordinator, who immediately commented, "This is what we are looking for." They are working out a proposal in conjunction with their board and expedition leader, Sarah.

Paul and Jennifer will continue to work with them to explore how they may make use of Tye. Such a relationship would benefit the club's responsibility with the Forest Service to reach youth and the underserved.

6. Trailkeepers of Oregon partnership with TCO & lodges, Rachel

We discussed a closer partnership with TKO. Some of them are already members of TCO. What TKO would like from us:

Use of a little space in each of our lodges for tool caches. This way they would have tools available where they are planning to work.

Road access: many of them already have keys but it might be nice if they could go all the way down to Nesika as long as they are prepared to clear their own way and have received permission from the lodge chair first.

What we will get from them in return:

1. Help with the Nesika road clearing due to increased use of the road.
2. Help keeping the trails around Nesika cleared as activity on them would be increased.
3. Eric said they would love to talk about trails around Nesika and come up with a plan to regularly maintain them throughout the year.

Rachel also talked with Crisse and Eric separately about a trail maintenance hosted weekend at Nesika, partnering with TKO. Eric was very enthusiastic about the idea and said other of TKO would be as well.

Over the next couple of months we will hammer out the details of our relationship. Rachel will work on it.

Next meeting will be 8/9/22 at 7 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM



Burnt Lake Backpack. Photo: Christine P

You're invited!

Group Campout Milo McIver State Friday, Sept 30 - Sun, Oct 2

This event is live on Meetup. When you sign up, you'll be added to the waitlist. I'm doing this so that TCO members and their guests have priority attendance. I'll monitor it and move TCO members to "Going." Then I'll email you to let you know it's time to pay - please pay promptly. Proof of payment is the guarantee of a place. If you don't use Meetup, go directly to the TCO website, search for Milo McIver on Sept 30, pay through the link and email me. \$10/adult, \$25/family for both nights.

Host: Paul Cutter,
paulcutter1958@gmail.com



New Landing at Nesika Dorm. Photo: Paul Williamson



Getting Nesika ready for winter. Photo: Paul Williamson

Hike and Dine is Back!

More than 40 folks enjoyed a hike on Mt Hood and/or a meal at Tye Lodge. Thanks to the whole crew who made the day special: Julia, Paul, Brian, Nina, Craig, Oliva, Jennifer and Dave N!



Excellent Meal at Hike and Dine. Photo: Craig Gwydir



Hike and Dine Easy Hike. Photo: Random Stranger



Hike and Dine Challenge Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir

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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