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SEPTEMBER 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

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| 2-5 | Fri-Mon | Tyee is Open |
| 3-5 | Sat-Mon | Nesika is Open Host Only |
| 4 | Sun | Labor Day Hike & Lunch at Nesika |
| 7 | Weds | Weds Eve Conditioning Hike |
| 9-11 | Fri-Sun | Nesika Hike & Dine Backpack |
| 10-11 | Sat-Sun | Nesika Hike & Dine Backpack |
| 14 | Weds | Weds Eve Conditioning Hike |
| 15-19 | Thu-Sun | Wallowas Backpack |
| 16-18 | Fri-Sun | Nesika Work Trip |
| 21 | Weds | Weds Eve Conditioning Hike |
| 23-25 | Fri-Sun | Tyee Work Party |
| 28 | Weds | Weds Eve Conditioning Hike |
| 30-2 | Fri-Sun | Mclver Group Campout |
| 30-2 | Fr-Sun | Larch Lake Backpack |



Mirror Lake Hike. Photo: Rebecca Knudson

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 13, 2:00-4:00**

Send award nominations to:
socialchair@trailsclub.org



New Green at Tyee. Photo: Gerda Meister Eck

**Save the Date: Nov 4-6
Backpacking Basics at Nesika Lodge**
See TCO Club calendar for details

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Elmer Galbi
John Koger
Chizuru Naruse

LODGE WORK TRIPS

NESIKA LODGE

Sept 16-18

Oct 15-16

TYEE LODGE

Sept 23-25

Oct 21-23

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Electronic subscription is included with membership. Send address changes and club correspondence to: Membership@trailsclub.org or the address above.

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
August 9, 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
Trips Trustee: Crisse Milner
Membership: Lori Leach

Absent:

Tyee Trustee: Paul Cutter
Social Trustee: Julia Mace

Regular Business:

July minutes were approved by email.

1. Treasurer's report: Rachel

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| Beginning Balance..... | \$22,1812 |
| Checks and Payments..... | \$4,874 |
| Deposits and Credits..... | \$1,886 |
| Ending Balance..... | \$19,194 |

Tyee oil payment was not made last year due to not having the billing details updated. Pounder Oil had no valid address for the bill and no valid phone number.

- a. Made the payment to Pounder Oil for 2021 in the amount of 819.36 which included 57.15 in finance charges due to late payment. Now Paul can schedule the delivery of the 2022 oil.
 - b. What was budgeted for 2022 was \$500 for oil so we are already over budget here but we didn't pay for any last year.
 - c. Budget for Tyee Heating oil needs to be increased. Defer to Paul Cutter for the amount of increase. Oil bill was \$1490.00 which is a huge increase. Moved and seconded to raise Tyee's budget by \$1800. Passed unanimously.
2. Membership applications were received and scanned into Dropbox.

- a. Membership payments made can be found on the Deposit Detail report in the Monthly Treasurer's Reports folder in Dropbox.
3. Trip Reports were received and scanned into Dropbox.

2. Membership report: Lori

Provisional Members:
Peter Kokopeli (Portland)

First Readings:

Pavlina Kovarik (Prineville) – Sponsored by Helen Wang and Debi Baker
Kathleen Curry (Tualatin) - Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir
Cathy Van Zyl (Gresham) – Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir
Dena Brehmer (Wilsonville) – Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir

Approved Second Readings:

John Koger (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

Resignations:

Christine Chitzaz
Nancy Overpeck

3. Publications report: Joel

We have about 50 members who haven't paid dues this year.
We're using the website more frequently for paid events and more are using the calendar. The membership directory is up to date.

4. Nesika report: Glen

The dorm is still under construction. In July we were able to complete three sides of board and batten. One side is left. Since we have rented scaffolding boards for one month we will have a rogue work trip the weekend of August 5th-7th. The stairs to the dorm with platforms were started. They are still in need of railings and paint. The wood stove is in but in need of fire proof backing, fire proof floor panel and stove pipe. The dorm also needs painting over the nails used to put on siding and batten. Painters are

needed who can work on ladders. We are looking at providing a dressing room this year in a corner since the dorm is currently co-ed. Glen and Linda looked at the privacy curtain put up at Tyee. We have had quite a lot of trail work to do since the canopy of trees is gone; wild flowers are abundant with growth on road and trails. \$370 was donated for a lawn mower. It was purchased. We're still looking for another \$70 to complete the price of \$440. Wood room is being filled with dry wood for women's dorm pad. It is nice dry wood which was previously split using log splitter loaned to club by Glen Conrad. We have until the end of September to report for our permit. Key requests were received from Crisse Milner and Grant Nelson. The applications were approved.

5. Tyee report: Paul via email

A very successful work party in July. Winter rope line totally rebuilt, thanks to the Conrads and Julia. New circuit and outlets installed in dorm, thanks Joel, Jeff and Allen. Nine more drapes hung thanks to cook Gerda. Fire escape partially built thanks to Richard and me.. Maybe two more Saturdays to completion. Volunteer of the day goes to Joel as he replaced the water valve with no hiccups. Yes, finally!!!

Oil to be delivered 8/3. Price is at an all time high. There are 2 samples of dining room ceiling, cedar and composite options displayed at Tyee until the fall. Voting is open to those who visit lodge. Name, date and option is to be recorded and counted in November.

Six hours of lodge work = 1 free night is in effect to be rewarded at the lodge where/when the hours occurred. Couch, carpet and coffee table are in place. Window and door painting has commenced. Tyee is looking good.

Paul was authorized to attend the Oregon Trails Summit on Mt. Hood, Oct 27-29, cost \$295.

6. Trips report: Crisse

We've had increasing activities: 4 backpacks, 2 hikes, 1 membership hike, 1 membership backpack, and 2 hike 'n dines. People are encouraged to post on the calendar.

7. Social report: Julia via email

On July 16th, TCO members gathered under the clear blue sky at Tyee for a Hike and Dine. Hikers gathered at Tyee for an amazing meal curated by Executive Chef Paul Cutter and support crew of

Nina Rohrs, Bryan Carroll and Julia Mace. Following dessert, the lodge was filled with upbeat Old Timey music from Six Pack Possum. The whole day was fantastic! I loved seeing members enjoying themselves at Tyee. The next Hike and Dine will be at Nesika on September 10th. This event will include a backpack up to Nesika for an overnight. If you are interested, Sign Up Now by purchasing the ticket via the link on the TCO Calendar. The cost of the ticket includes the hike, full dinner/ dessert and overnight camping fee. Space is limited, so don't wait to secure your spot. Save the date for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13th, from 2:00-4:00. You are invited to be a part of the celebration of TCO. Time will be spent reflecting on this year's activities and recognizing the contributions of many of our members. RSVP on the TCO calendar by selecting a FREE ticket which will serve as your FREE Raffle ticket.

What to expect at the annual meeting:

- connect with TCO members
- snacks/ drinks
- slide show of snapshots from events
- awards & recognitions
- annual Report from the board
- raffle Items
- chance to purchase Trails Club items
- indoor venue at Fulton Park Community Center: <https://www.portland.gov/parks/fulton-park-community-center>

Awards & Recognitions

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.

- Social Budget will have maybe \$300-400 for purchasing items.
- Would like to have some items for raffle as well. Lanyards and name tags for members maybe?
- Items for purchase with Logo through a vendor.
- Jennifer will collect the High Miler award from a member on the east side.
- The board supports the idea to have a committee work on awards.

DEI Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee was created 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. Chris Seubert and Julia Mace are co-chairs for the newly formed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Outreach Committee. This committee welcomes TCO members who wish to contribute ideas and energy in our efforts. We will meet via Zoom every other month and work on activities of shared interest in our group. Next Meeting will be in October, date and time TBD.

8. History report: Linda Conrad

Still working on getting historical files to Nesika. Requesting 2013 treasurer reports, trip reports, and secretary notes to be filed in cabinets at lodge. Requesting assistance for sorting, disposing of outdated reports and statements. If people want to come on work trips and assist, that would be great. Also it would be nice to sort pictures outside of the dry box into note books that could be easily viewed. If you would like to assist, let Linda Conrad know, 360-907-5096. Right now, though, the priority at Nesika is to finish the dorm. Cooks would be helpful.

New Business:

1. Lodge fee changes.

With increasing costs, we need to increase lodge fees. 2017 was the last increase. Moved and seconded to increase to the fees (right) effective Nov 1, 2022. Passed unanimously.

Also, for every 6 hours volunteered on a work weekend, a 1 night voucher for a lodge stay will be awarded.

2. We discussed a budget for providing lunch for membership hikes to lodges on non-work weekends. We decided not to pay for food provided on such events. We suggested asking for a donation, charging the meal fee, sharing a potluck, or everyone bring their own lunch.

3. Our cooperation with Trailkeepers of Oregon is still an open matter.

4. Opal Creek outdoor school use of Tyee is still in the works but there's nothing new.

Next meeting will be 9/13/22 at 7 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



Old Snowy Summit. Photo: Tom Thrall



Pamelia Lake BP. Photo: Helen Wang

| New Lodge Fees (as of Nov 1, 2022) | 20% | |
|---|---------|-----|
| | current | new |
| 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 |

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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