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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

2	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
4-6	Fri-Sun	Nesika: History and Host Training
9	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
16	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
19-20	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Party
18-22	Fri-Tue	Tyee Host-Only "Beat the Heat"
23	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
26-27	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party
28-3	Mon-Sun	Bowron Lake Canoe
30	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike



Paradise Park Hike. Photo: Nicole Rogers



Can the Trails Club of Oregon become a non-profit? You can help. If you have nonprofit experience, legal expertise, or are interested in helping find out more about the requirements and process, please contact Lori Leach, at membership@trailsclub.org.

You're Invited... Open House at Tyee Lodge!

Saturday, September 23, 2023
10:00 - 2:00, lunch at 12:00
Tyee Lodge, Government Camp, Oregon
RSVP for guests and members on Meetup

Join us for a day of exploration, camaraderie, and fun! Whether you are a seasoned hiker or just getting into the world of outdoor activities, this event is a perfect opportunity to get to know TCO and discover what makes us so passionate about the great outdoors.

Lunch will be served and activities will include lodge tours, TCO orientation and history display. We'll also have a winter access hiking tour and wood stacking activity for those who like to be active.

TCO Members – we need your help

Your participation is key to making our Open House successful.

- Spread the word – invite friends and family to this event
- Join in welcoming guests at the event - this is a fantastic opportunity to engage with our local community and showcase what makes our club so special.
- For these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Olivia Bakke at olivapbakke@gmail.com or (703) 628-9971

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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 | July 18, 2023 7:00-9:00 | Zoom

Attendees:

President:	Bev Drottar
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Invited Member:	Pete Reckseik
Nom Future Treasurer:	Nicole Rogers



Lawrence Lake Loop Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir

Absent:

Treasurer: Rachel Eggers

Regular Business:

June board minutes were approved by email prior to The Blazer publication.

Treasurer's Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance:	\$13,760
Checks and Payments:	\$645
Deposits and Credits:	\$2,616
Cleared Balance:	\$15,731

Upcoming large expenses:

1. Furnace installation - haven't received the bill yet but should soon, approx. \$6,000.
2. Trailer registration - should get it out this week: \$136

Documents stored on Dropbox

Payments received will be in the Deposit Detail report on Dropbox.

Trip Reports/Logs are stored on Dropbox

Membership Report, Lori

First Readings:

Megan Nace, sponsored by Eric Zimmerman and Janice Messervier

Paul Fusch, sponsored by Nicole Rogers and Craig Gwydir

No second readings.

Total Membership: 277

9 Golden, 1 Junior, 35 Life, 1 Life/Golden, 7 Provisional, 1 Provisional Jr, 223 Regular

Publications Report, Joel

We received our semi annual payment notice from MeetUp.

Nesika Report, Crisse

We hosted two events at Nesika in June, a private event and a two-night no host event. We had a great work party this past month with a large crew of helpers. We accomplished a number of work projects and had a great time hanging out enjoying good food, fun and games and great company. Thank you to all who helped make this a very successful event!

- The stairs and railings to the dorm and the outhouse were painted.
- There was continued work on trimming and cutting back growth along the monster trail and the shortcut to the lodge as well as trimming and cutting back growth all around the Lodge.
- Wood was brought in from the road and more wood was brought from the parking area to the Lodge.
- A great deal of wood was cut and stacked for kindling and the cookstove.
- Window screens were replaced on all the lodge windows.
- The baby trees around the lodge were checked on and given a little TLC.
- The first aid cabinet was organized and an inventory of expired items to be replaced was made.
- The generator room and storage areas in the lodge were cleaned and organized.
- We noted a need to place the instructions to turn on/off the AED device in the opening/closing procedures and that the AED pads need to be replaced.
- We welcomed a large TCO group hike hosted by Nicole Rogers and had a chance to show off our beautiful lodge to a few prospective new members.
- Pete Recksiek was able to get an estimate on replacing the broken windows in the lodge and has removed one window and boarded up the space to see about getting new windows put in. We are hoping to complete this task at the Sept work party. Thirteen windows were cracked by the fire. Pete has measured all and investigated how the window comes out. The estimate to replace the glass is \$3700 plus molding and other miscellaneous items. He'd like to order 1 glass first to see how it works before ordering all of them. We'd need a pick up truck, maybe 2 loads, to transport the large order. Insurance did give us money for the windows and roof that were damaged by the fire. The full cost of window replacement was approved, using the \$500 that was left over from the flooring. Pete will oversee the project. He will install one window this week to test the process. Linda Conrad has been exploring options for donations to help with this expense.
- We are still looking for volunteers who can drive the tractor as well as someone with a chainsaw to assist with the August work party.
- A chainsaw has been donated to Nesika.
- The gate access for lodge use and work parties will be available with 48 hour notice during the remainder of the year due to Larch Mtn Road closure and construction. Members should notify the Nesika Trustee at least 48 hours prior to intended access to the Lodge via Larch Mtn Road.



Nesika Weekend. Photo: Craig Gwydir

Tyee Report, Paul

The insurance inspection report included a strange request to place vehicle stops in front of the lodge. Paul asked for clarification. They said two boulders will work. Overall, they seemed quite satisfied with the Lodge.



Nesika Hike. *Photo: Nicole Rogers*

We had a busy six weeks at the Lodge:

- Early in June we hosted 25 children and five adults from Portland Waldorf School.
- We cleaned ducts and flue, immediately followed by the furnace installation.
- Cedar tongue and groove ceiling is 90% completed. Kitchen will follow later this summer. Very positive reviews to date. A special thank you to Joern Wettern and an extra special thanks to Jonathan More who spent 2 full days assisting in the installation.
- A trips leaders get together was followed on the Sunday by a very professional 1st aid training.

- The month of June finished out with a work party followed by a group of 20 students from Catlin Gabel School on their annual trail restoration project.
- Joel and Paul will work on the lights.

Trips Report, Craig

We had four day hikes, one online Trip Leaders Meeting, and two backpacks during the past month. There have also been Wednesday Eve Conditioning Hikes posted on the Trails Club calendar during June/July.

The "CPR/AED/Wilderness First Aid Course" at Tyee Lodge on July 16 was a success. Twelve TCO members attended - ten of whom are current TCO Hike Leaders. Two TCO members have made an investment to become TCO Hike Leaders. The education course was four hours in duration and quite complete. Two-year CPR certifications were issued to attendees; all of whom completed the in-person course. The course was within the approved \$1,000 budget.

The Portland Water Authority has begun Bull Run day tours on a very limited basis. Posted tours are currently sold out and hopefully more dates will be available soon to secure a TCO group tour of 12-18 TCO members. Efforts for a group Bull Run day tour are still in progress.



Wilderness First Aid. *Photo: Craig Gwydir*

NEW BUSINESS

Work on 501c3. We continued our discussion. Is it possible? If so, then how do we implement it? We will post on our website and in the Blazer asking for other members who would like to work on it. We'll try to have a proposal ready for the Annual Meeting where we could present the proposal and vote on a bylaw change that reflects the status. We might also need to revisit our mission statement.

Adjourned at 7:50
Next meeting, Sept 12, zoom



Nesika Hike. Photo: Nicole Rogers

Paradise Park Hike. Photo: Nicole Rogers



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 conditions may increase the exertion and skill required; be prepared. Contact the trip leader if you have any questions and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring the 10 Essentials and please, no alcohol. 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.

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

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