

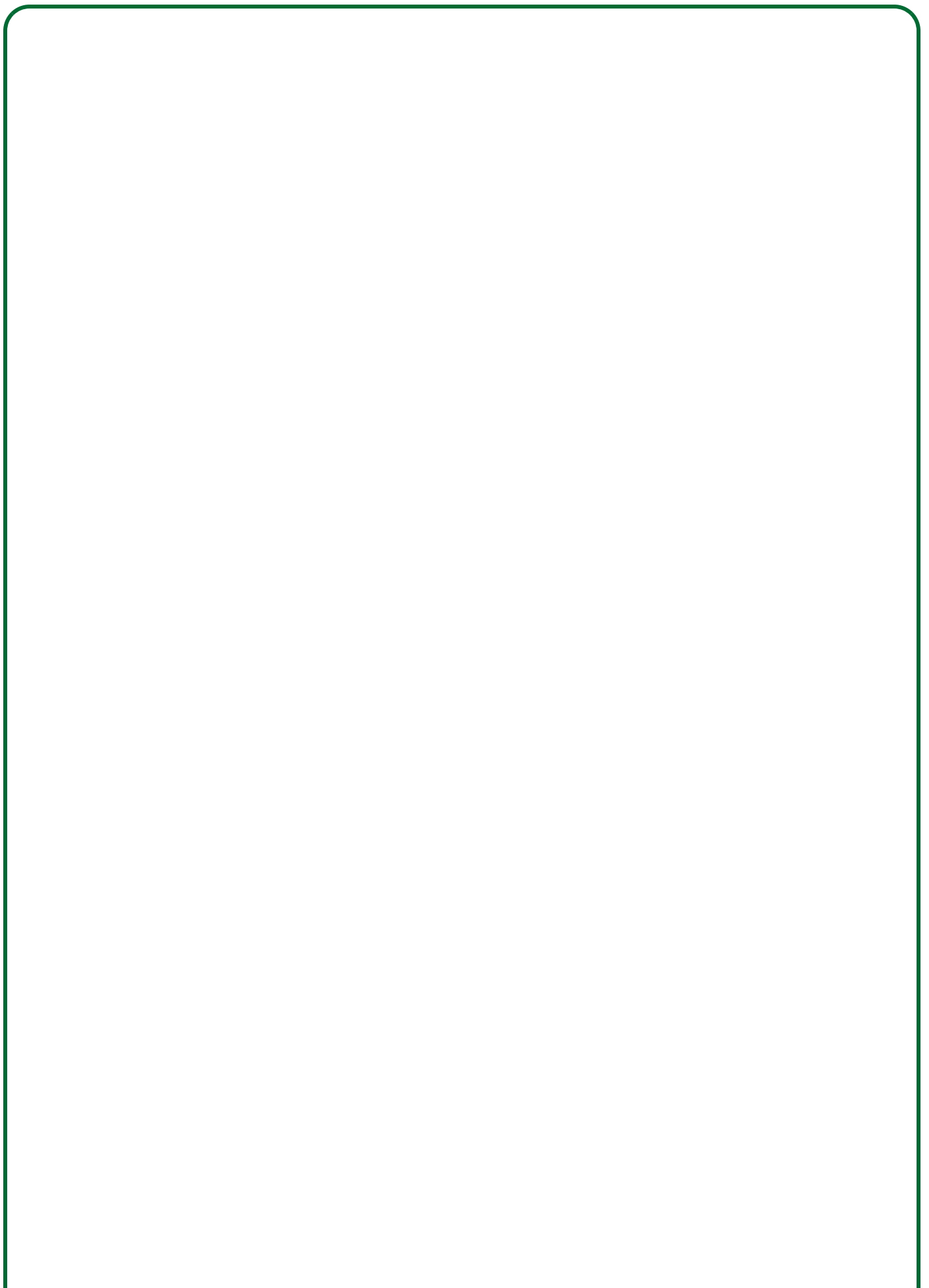


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TCO LATE-SUMMER BBQ

Sat · Sept 5 · 2026

12–5 PM

Blue Lake Regional Park
Picnic Area C1
Fairview, OR
(by the PDX airport)

MAIN DISHES PROVIDED (BURGERS + DOGS, GF OPTION)

BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE, POTLUCK-STYLE

SWIM BEACH · PADDLEBOARDING · DISC GOLF ·

WETLANDS · BOARDWALK · FISHING PIER

COME EARLY OR STAY LATE TO HELP SET UP, TEAR DOWN,

OR EXPLORE!

NOTE: \$5/CAR PARKING FEE AT THE GATE

Brought to you by the Trails Club of
Oregon Social Committee

Tyee Lodge Report

As the grasshopper fire grew and inched closer to the White River, I made the decision to cut work and head to the lodge. With help from Leea Veotberg we cleared out all of the vintage Trails Club memorabilia, which is all stored at my house until Labor Day weekend. I did some spelunking into the attic and taped off the 4 gable vents as well as the large gable vent over the kitchen door. Thankfully, the fire never breached the White River. We also have gained a lot of knowledge to be more prepared in the future.

With Joel's keen observations he found that the main PGE feed into the lodge had been moved into the fall line of the roof avalanche zone. I have been in contact with PGE to either sink a second pole or run the line underground. Hopefully we can get something done before winter!!!

Sheryl Wagner and I are hosting [Labor Day weekend with the Timberline Daydream](#) event on Sunday! Come up and jam with us at the Grateful Dead tribute band Sunday afternoon!

Eric Eisinger - Tyee Lodge Chair

September Events

Check the [Trails Club of Oregon website calendar](#) for up-to-date event listings.
Click on the Details Icon for a link to the event.

See the [trip reports](#) on the TCO website to see what you have missed!



Details

[Wednesday Evening Hike](#)

Sep 2, Wed

Leaders: Rebecca Knudeson & Lori Leach



Details

[Timberline Daydream, Tyee open](#)

Sep 4-7, Fri-Mon

Leader: Sheryl Wagner



Details

[Board Meeting](#)

Sep 8, Tues

On Zoom (no August meeting)



Details

[Wednesday Evening Hike](#)

Sep 9, Wed

Leaders: Rebecca Knudeson & Lori Leach



Details

[Nesika Work Weekend](#)

Sep 12-13, Sat-Sun

Leaders: Trisha Schultz



Details

[Appalachian Trail north from Mt Graylock](#)

Sep 14-28, Tue-Tue

Leader: Linda Conrad



Details

[Broken Top Loop Backpack](#)

Sep 15-17, Wed-Fri

Leader: Tom Thrall



Details

[Wednesday Evening Hike](#)

Sep 16, Wed

Leaders: John Koger & Lori Leach



Details

[Wednesday Evening Hike](#)

Sep 23, Wed

Leaders: Greg & Lori Leach



Details

[Wednesday Evening Hike](#)

Sep 30, Wed

Leaders: Greg & Lori Leach



Photo: Craig Gwydir - Nesika work weekend



Photo: Leea Voetberg - Tyee - Eric making fire retardant



**Photo: Leea Voetberg - Tyee fire prep
including sealing attic vents, clearing brush and debris, and packing out valuables
just in case the Grasshopper fire advanced**



Photo: Glen Conrad - Multnomah & Big John Creeks



Photo: Glen Conrad - Nesika in July

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

There was no board meeting in August.

Next meeting, September 8, Zoom

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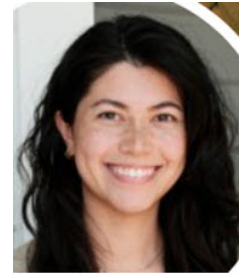
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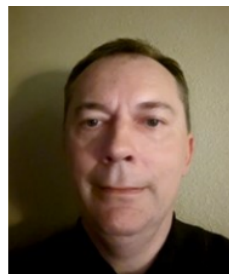


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Reminders

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 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 for day activities. Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.20 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.50 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.

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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 second Tuesday of the month, 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 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 Trail 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.

Send write-ups to: Blazer@TrailsClub.org

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Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the

Trails Club of Oregon website to: webmaster@TrailsClub.org

