

## Trails Club of Oregon Lodge - Host / Cook Instructions

Thank you for hosting or cooking at one of our lodges. These instructions contain important information about hosting and cooking. Please read these instructions before your event so you can contact the lodge chair if you have any questions.

### Lodge Capacity

Tyee Lodge can sleep 22 men and 22 women in the dorms. Per fire regulations, 6 more can sleep on the main floor **but only when the dorms are full**. The total lodge capacity is 50 persons overnight.

At Nesika Lodge, be prepared to sleep in your tent because the dorms burned in the 2017 fire. A dorm, the Green Fern, was rebuilt in 2021. There should be room for approximately 20 persons in the coed dorm, divided by curtains.

### Lodge Fees

Everyone who stays the day or overnight in, on or near lodge property is required to pay lodge fees, except when the fees have been waived for the event by the board. The host is expected to collect the fees for their event and for the previous nonpublished night if someone has stayed over. Current lodge fees are posted in the lodges and listed on the enclosed Lodge Usage Form.

The lodge overnight fee is waived for the host of a published Hosted or Host Only lodge event. When meal fees are charged both the overnight fee and meal fees are waived for the host and one cook. When more than 15 people are served meals, an additional assistant may be added and also receives their overnight fee and meals for free. At the discretion of the host/cook team additional assistants may be added for every addition 15 people served.

Unscheduled Openings Fee: There is a minimum charge of \$35 per night for unscheduled openings either Lodge. November 1 through April 30, there is a minimum charge of \$75 per night for unscheduled openings of Tyee Lodge. The minimum does not apply to scheduled and published events, or the unscheduled night before such an event. The standard lodge fees apply to all who stay the unscheduled night before an event. **Events must be published prior to the event, in the Blazer or on the club website, to qualify as a scheduled opening.**

### Reservations

The **Lodge Host** form is used to record the reservations, using a separate line for each person. There is space to list the person's **Name**, record their **Status Code**, document the number of **nights** by gender, note what meals\* are requested and record the fees. The host, cook and assistant's names are also to be listed on this form.

Members can register for themselves and up to 5 guests to attend a lodge event. Guests and FWOC club members must be registered by, and attend with, a club member. Hosts may accept guests known to them if they are willing to be responsible for them during the event. If a guest would like to visit the lodge to satisfy membership requirements, suggest that they participate in one of our membership hikes that includes a lodge visit. These trips are usually offered monthly during spring, summer and fall.

The reservations deadline is usually the Wednesday prior to the event before 9p.m. unless a different date is stated in the write up. This allows the cook time to plan and shop before the event. Remind members that if they no shows or cancel after the deadline they are still responsible for their meal fees. After the deadline, the host reports the number of adults and children (under 12 years of age) registered for each meal to the cook. The host also communicates any cancellations that may be received later.

### Event Schedule

On a scheduled event weekend, the lodge is usually open from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. The approximate time will be decided by the host and the cook. The host will inform those registering.

## Meals

Usually the cook(s) prepare Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. The minimum meal fee is \$5.00 for Breakfast, \$7.00 for Lunch, when included in the meal schedule and \$8.00 for Dinner. Children younger than twelve (12) are half price. The meal charges can be higher if published in the event write up or announced during registration. **\*When someone does not register for meals, it is important to remind them that the cook has priority in the use of the kitchen area. They must check with the cook before using or storing anything in the kitchen.**

## Meal Planning and Shopping

When planning a menu, you will want to determine the approximate cost per person. Remember that your meal costs are to be lower than the minimum meal fees. The excess money is used to purchase kitchen supplies and staples. Some staples (such as flour) are primarily for backup, when required. Please note in the Lodge Usage Report if you have depleted a staple item.

When shopping, try to purchase only the quantities needed. Look for items (such as spices, flour, sugar...) in the bulk food section of the store where you can control the amount purchased. Do not leave any food items behind. You may deduct these unused items from your receipts. After the food has been purchased, total the receipts to determine your reimbursement amount. **These receipts are to be turned in with the lodge forms.**

## Opening and closing of the Lodge

If a loaner key is needed, contact the Lodge chairperson. Instructions for Opening and Closing have been included with this package. At Tyee there is also a set of instructions with pictures hanging near the basement door. **Follow these directions precisely. If unsure about opening, contact the Lodge Chairman to arrange for experienced help.** The host is responsible for the proper opening and closing of the lodge to prevent damage to the building and its contents.

After the opening procedures have been completed, take the registration book out of the podium located near the lodge's front door and place it on the closed lid. Below the last entry in the book, write the full date in the margin, the event name and sign in. Later, when closing the lodge remember to place the book back inside the podium.

During the entire time the lodge is open, someone should stay at (or near) the lodge to greet people and answer questions.

## Collecting Fees

Fees should be collected before or after dinner or a combination of times. When this task has been completed, collect the food receipts from the cook(s), round to the nearest dollar and reimburse him/her for the cost of the food. \*\*\* If the amount collected is short due to no shows or late cancellations, some of the lodge fees can be used to reimburse the cook. Report the name(s) of the no-shows and amount(s) due to the club on the back of the Lodge Usage Report for collection. Lodge Fees are not charged when a person cannot attend but meal fees are.

## Tasks

The **Tasks** sign-up sheet lists the lodge chores that need to be done during the event. Everyone at the lodge is expected to volunteer for as many jobs as needed for all tasks to be completed even those leaving early.

## Lodge Safety and Policies

The Lodge Rules are posted near the registration book in each lodge. It is the hosts' responsibility to enforce the rules if necessary. The **Lodge Operation** reminder sheet is to be read at dinner each evening.

## Lodge Use Report

This report is used to summarize the use of the lodge, make the final financial calculations, and report any problems. The Lodge committee uses this information to track lodge usage and plan future improvements.

After the event, the completed forms, **food receipts**, lodge fees and excess money is mailed in the enclosed envelope to the Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095, Portland OR 97268. Do **NOT** send cash; send only checks made out to the Trails Club of Oregon.

## Lodge Handbook

The lodge handbook contains additional forms and information about the lodge. Please list if something is missing from the binder on the Lodge Usage report.

## Lodge Contact list:

The following people can be called if there are questions or problems at the lodge. Check the Trails Club website for current information.

Tyee Lodge Chairperson: TyeeChair@trailsclub.org

Nesika Lodge Chairperson: NesikaChair@trailsclub.org

## Lodge Addresses:

**Tyee Lodge** - 30133 E. West Leg Road, Government Camp, OR 97028

PGE Account 150 044 0000 - Power Pole #126 METER No. 26963826 Phone 1-800-544-1795

**Nesika Lodge** — "Four miles southeast of Multnomah Falls" or a fourth of a mile from the east end of the Multnomah Basin Rd (Nfl 520-011). The Corbett Fire Station, fire chief David Flood, phone 503-803-5244, has a key to the gates, starting at the 10-mile gate of Palmer Mill Rd on East Larch Mountain Road.