



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
12/31 - 1/3	Wed-Sat	New Years at Tyee
1	Thurs	New Year Hike to Nesika - Class B
3-4	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
3	Sat	Bald Eagle Viewing Hike - Class A+
4	Sun	Frog Lake Snowshoe
6	Tue	Board Meeting
7	Wed	Wednesday Morning Hike - Class A
10	Sat	White River Snowshoe
11	Sun	Mosier Twin Tunnels Hike - Class B
14	Wed	Wednesday Morning Hike - Class A
15	Thurs	Blazer Deadline
17-18	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
17	Sat	Wind River area Snowshoe
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18	Sun	Oxbow Park Hike - Class A
21	Wed	Wednesday Morning Hike - Class A
21	Wed	Twin Lakes Snowshoe - Class A
21-23	Wed-Fri	Tyee with Cascade Prime Timers and TCO
23-25	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
24	Sat	Silver Falls State Park Hike - Class A
24	Sat	Multorpor Loop Snowshoe
25	Sun	Eagle Creek Hike - Class A
27	Tue	Weygandt Basin snowshoe - class B
28	Wed	Wednesday Morning Hike - Class A
29	Thur	Adventure and Travels: Japan
31	Sat	June Lake-Swift Creek Loop SS
31	Sat	Barbur Trans. Center to Marshall Park
31 Feb 1	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
4	Wed	Gorton Creek Hike - Class B
7-8	Sat-Sun	Winter Weekend at Nesika
7-8	Sat-Sun	Snowshoe/Hike – Overnight at Nesika Lodge

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section

TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile

Announcements

Wednesday Morning Hike Fee

Beginning in January 2009, the hike fee for the weekly Wednesday Morning Hike will be increased to \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. The Board took this action to make all hike fees consistent.

2009 Dues Reminder

2009 dues are due Jan 1, 2009. Dues must be received by Feb. 1 or a late payment fee of \$5.00 will be required. If you have questions contact Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

Recommended Carpool Donation

Now that gas prices have declined from the record highs of this past summer, the Board has recommended that the passenger donation for carpool drivers be 10¢ per mile, up to a maximum of 20¢ per mile for the entire carload. For example, if there are four passengers, the individual donation would be 5¢ per mile. If gas prices increase again, the Board recommends that passengers and drivers use common sense and courtesy in determining an appropriate donation to cover the driver's expenses.

January Board Meeting Change

The January 2009 Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, January 6, at Rose Villa. This change is necessary to accommodate several board members who will be out of town during the second week of the month. As always, members are welcome to attend board meetings.

TCO Rules Regarding Dogs

Reminder: Dogs are not allowed on hikes (or other trips) except for hikes designated in the Trail Blazer announcement as allowing dogs. Dogs, and other pets, are not allowed at Tyee or Nesika.

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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 \$35 in dues for first household member, \$17.50 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm) @
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR

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Reciprocal Agreement with FWOC Member Organizations

Organizational members of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) have had a long-standing informal agreement that members of participating clubs can stay at one another's lodges and participate on one another's trips at member fees. For example, TCO members pay member fees to participate on Mazama hikes and outings and stay at the Mazama Lodge, and vice versa. For a complete listing of FWOC member organizations see www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org.

View from Nesika Jan '09

Hello Trails Club members. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Richard Gaunt, the 2009 Nesika lodge chair. Each month for the coming year I'll give a description of the activities planned at

Nesika, both long and short term. We have numerous volunteer opportunities on our monthly maintenance weekends and, I promise, a little fun along with the work.

I'd first like to offer thanks to Merrill Hugo, the retiring Nesika chair, for his unrelenting work to keep Nesika running and in top condition. He has contributed countless hours and made countless trips to Nesika in service of us all. Please offer your personal thanks when you see Merrill at your next Trails Club event.

I'd like to hear from any TCO member on your hopes and views for Nesika. What would make it a more attractive place to spend time? Spot any maintenance that is needed? What would we need to do to have Nesika open every weekend during the summer season? If you are thinking of hosting an event this year but need some help with planning or a lodge host, drop me an e-mail or give a call and I'll give you a hand. I look forward to seeing every single Trails Club member at Nesika at least once this year.

Richard Gaunt rgaunt@comcast.net 971-404-1153

Nesika Winter Weekend - Feb 7-8

Come experience Nesika in the winter time. The event will be shared with members of the Mazamas AYM group. They have enjoyed this trip for the last 2 years but TCO folks have mostly missed out.

Hike Awards Milage tracking for 2009

Beginning January 1, 2009 Trails Club members will be responsible for tracking their own mileage if they are interested in competing for the Mary Lou Greene High Miler Award and the Una Davies High Traveler Award to be presented at the 2010 banquet. The Mary Lou Greene Award is presented annually to the member who accumulates the most total miles on TCO-sponsored hikes, backpacks, snowshoes, skis, and a percentage of bike rides. The Una Davies Award goes to the member who has hiked the most new miles on the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon and Washington. Application forms for the awards will be available from Jane Storey, the Trips Trustee.

Events

Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.
- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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
- The Trips Trustee will approve all hikes.

Dec 31- Jan 1 (Wed - Thu) New Year's Eve Hike to Nesika

Trip Cancelled due to health and weather

Leader: Linda Conrad at lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

Dec 31 - Jan 3 (Wed - Sat) Family New Year's at Tyee

Come celebrate the New Year in the snow at Tyee Lodge. Bring the youngsters and teens for a family friendly occasion. Join us as we ski, snowshoe, sled and play in the snow or read a book. We will be watching the Ski bowl's fireworks display at midnight.

Reservations by Sunday, Dec. 28th by 5 p.m.

Hosts and Cooks: Debbie Ralls, Paul and Callista Snively
Register: Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

Jan 1 (Thu) New Years Day Hike to Nesika Lodge - Class B

Take your first hike of the year and help perpetuate this fine old club tradition. YakTraks or shoe crampons and hiking poles are required, and snowshoes are recommended. Bring your lunch to eat in the lodge. Hot drinks will be available. We will leave the lodge about 1:30 p.m. so that we will be out before dark. This hike will meet all requirements for Trails Club membership. Hike 8 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain. Drive 48 miles.

Meet: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00 a.m.

Call leader if you want to meet at Multnomah Falls Lodge.

Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or
sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Jan 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Continuing New Years weekend

Continue the New Year in the snow at Tyee Lodge. Bring the children of all ages for a family friendly occasion. Join us as we ski, snowshoe, sled and play in the snow or read a book.

Reservations by Thursday, Jan 1st by 5 p.m

Register with Host Brian Powers and Lori Leach 503/758-9754 or wepaddle2@wbcable.net

Jan 3 (Sat) Bald Eagle Viewing Hike - Class A+

Start the day with the Lyle Lions Club's monthly fundraiser breakfast: made-to-order omelet, pancakes, coffee and juice for \$5. Then we'll visit the Balfour-Klickitat Park at the mouth of the Klickitat River to view bald eagles. I saw 50 birds last year. We'll spend the rest of the day hiking at Catherine Creek. We might be amazed to find the first grass widows of 2009! Bring binoculars, lunch and warm clothes. Hike 5 miles, 500 feet elevation gain. Drive 150 miles.

Meet: Gateway Transit Center, 7:30 a.m. Register with leader in case of cancellation due to weather.

Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or
sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Jan 4 (Sun) Frog Lake Butte Snowshoe - Class B

After climbing 1340 feet in 3 miles, we will have an incredible view of Mt. Hood. Mushers practice their skills from the same parking lot, its always fun to see the dog sledgers. However, we will quickly get away from the busy Frog Lake parking lot as we ascend the butte.

Meet: 8AM Gateway - Registration is requested.

Leader: Bill Fulton 503-557-3500

Jan 7 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

The slower-paced hike will continue in January if there's interest. Participants need to be able to walk at least four miles within two hours.

Contact Barbara Warren-Sams, 503-281-6094, for information.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

Jan 10 (Sat) White River Snowshoe - Class A-B

White River: 5 miles This popular spot has bathrooms and lots of parking. We will travel up the right side of the river to avoid the sledding crowds and enjoy whatever the day offers. Bring a lunch and proper clothing for the weather.

Meet: Sandy Safeway parking lot near the ATM.

Leader: Joan Ragan 503-668-6622 or joanragan@hotmail.com

Jan 11 (Sun) Mosier Twin Tunnels Hike - Class B - Brisk pace

Take a look at the Columbia River Gorge from the historic Columbia River Highway now converted into a paved walking and bicycle path. Walk through two interesting and well preserved tunnels. We will be walking at about 3 mph but pausing for photos occasionally is fine. Hike 9.4 miles round trip with 960 feet of elevation gain. Drive approximately 150 miles round trip. Drivers may need to bring a State Park pass or pay a \$3 parking fee.

Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 8:00 a.m.

Leader: Hank Itkin 360-696-5902

Jan 14 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

The slower-paced hike will continue in January if there's interest. Participants need to be able to walk at least four miles within two hours.

Contact Barbara Warren-Sams, 503-281-6094, for information. Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Alan Kotz 971-645-1128

Jan 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

Matt, Mark and Merrill Newman will be hosting. After a day on the slopes, join us at 6:00PM Sat. for a hot and humongous beef stew, with cornbread and hot spiced cider. Stay overnight for a real American style hearty breakfast. We will be open by 11:00 AM on Sat and close at 3:00PM on Sunday. Reservations required by 8:00PM Wed., Jan 14.

Hosts: Matt and Merrill Newman

For reservations call Merrill 503-646-3829 or email one-mi.2go@verizon.net

Jan 17 (Sat) Wind River area Snowshoe - Class B

This is a full day snow shoe (3-4 hours) above Carson WA in Upper Wind River area. Exact destination TBA. Call leader for details in January.

Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952

Jan 17-19 (Sat – Mon) Snowshoe/Hike – Overnight at Nesika Lodge(MLK Weekend) – Class C

Our trip will begin at Palmer Mill Road as accessible. It is too early to tell whether there will be snow on the road into Nesika Lodge, so be prepared to Hike or Snowshoe in. Cross Country Ski's are not recommended as the road has some steep sectional inclines. The hike will be approximately 7 miles into the lodge on Saturday morning. The trip in from the road has a gradual climb in elevation for the first 4 miles. We will leave the lodge on Monday and hike out the same way. Our high point will be in the range of 4000 feet, and then dropping down to the elevation of 1800 feet where the lodge is located. This will be a backpackers potluck Total trip fees including 2 nights at the lodge will be: Non-Members/\$36 and Members/ \$23.

This will be a Class C hike due to unpredictable conditions. You must RSVP with the leader and have some snowshoe experience.

Roundtrip Mileage 14 Miles; Unpredictable Conditions

Meet: 8:30AM Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Lisa Conrad: Lmc31408@yahoo.com, or (360) 513-7134

Jan 18 (Sun) Oxbow Park Hike - Class A

We will enjoy both the forested side of the park and Sandy River winter views. Come see if the river has changed the trail again. Lunch under cover if it rains. Trails may be muddy so bring sturdy boots and hiking poles. There may be wet brush along part of the trail if it has been raining. Walk about 6 miles with rolling up and down elevation gain. Round trip drive is about 40 miles. No parking fees needed for this hike.

Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Jan 21 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

The slower-paced hike will continue in January if there's interest. Participants need to be able to walk at least four miles within two hours.

Contact Barbara Warren-Sams, 503-281-6094, for information.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Jan 21 (Wed) Twin Lakes Snowshoe - Class A

We'll trek out of Frog Lake sno-park and follow the PCT and take the trail to the lower lake. We will have lunch and from there we will go off-trail to the upper lake (optional). This is a good snowshoe for first-timers. Just around 5 miles with 800ft. elevation gain.

Please register leader, if weather is very bad we cancel out.

The drive is 120 miles, you need a SnoPark. Meeting At: is Troutdale Outlet at 8:30am.

Leader: Ursula Edlund 503-654-9716

Jan 21 -23 (Wed - Fri) Tyee with Cascade Prime Timers and TCO

Two nights at Tyee. Two club participation, Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers. TCO member \$36. CPT as guests \$46. Two breakfasts and two dinners included. Bring your own lunches and snacks. Make checks payable to "Trails Club of Oregon." Gerda has organized a snowshoe "hike." We will X-country too. Become a member with this midweek event. Co-hosts Nancy Overpeck and Pete Nelson.

Meet at: Sno-Park on Timberline Road at 10 am Wednesday.

Contact Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 for reservations or information. Make reservations by January 19th.

Jan 23-25 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Come spend a weekend at the mountain, enjoying the warm fire, tasty food and good company. Be prepared to play in the snow! We will open the lodge on Friday evening – please call so we can decide whether we want to have a pot luck. The cooks will prepare Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Your hosts are Elizabeth McLagen and Catherine Schiedler.

The deadline to register is Wednesday January 21.

Please call Cathy Schiedler 503-234-1839 or e-mail catherineschied@juno.com to register.

Jan 24 (Sat) Silver Falls State Park Hike - Class A

Walk the loop trail past or under nine waterfalls in this beautiful wooded canyon. Visit a fireplace at the Lodge. Bring lunch and dress for a winter walk. Drivers need a state park pass or \$3 parking fee. Hike 7.1 miles with 600 feet of elevation gain.

Drive approximately 100 miles round trip.

Meet: Durham Park & Ride at I-5 exit 290 at 8:30 a.m.. Please call leader for more complete directions if necessary.

Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467

Jan 24 (Sat) Multnorpor Loop Snowshoe

This hike goes around Multnorpor. Best as I can tell it's about 5 miles. The trail is rolling and the difficulty depends on weather and use by others. If weather doesn't permit we'll find somewhere else to go. Gather at Gateway for carpooling @8 A.M. Poolers should have snowpark permits. We can decide about post hike carbo reloading afterwards. Preregistration Requested with leader

Leader: Bob Link fanmanr@aol.com

Jan 25 (Sun) Eagle Creek Hike - Class A

Walk to High Bridge and enjoy the forest and waterfalls along the way. Hike 6.6 miles round trip with 700 feet of elevation gain. Bring lunch and dress for a winter walk. Drivers, bring a trailhead pass or pay a \$5 fee. Drive 75 miles round trip. Meet: Gateway Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m.
Leader: Willa Perez 971-212-5525

Jan 27 (Tue) Weygandt Basin snowshoe - class B

This little known area just 2 miles from Cooper Spur on the North side of Mt. Hood has some easy terrain and beautiful views. Come join me for this mid-week getaway, we'll snowshoe about 5 miles and stop in Parkdale for a bite to eat before returning home. Preregistration requested
Meet: 8:30AM Lewis & Clark Park
Leader: Gerda Eck, gerdaeck@comcast.net

Jan 28 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
The slower-paced hike will continue in January if there's interest. Participants need to be able to walk at least four miles within two hours.
Contact Barbara Warren-Sams, 503-281-6094, for information.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

Jan 29 (Thur) Adventure and Travels: Japan

Join us for a snapshot of contemporary Japan. The slides were compiled from several recent trips to Tokyo and Kyoto. They include numerous temples, street scenes, a personal quest involving family history and, yes, one hike with an unusual discovery. We'll see a splash of contemporary and historic art, do some shopping and talk about "what's for dinner." Sample some typical Japanese snacks, have a cup of tea or coffee and watch the show. Presented by Richard Gaunt.
Meet: Rose Villa 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, 7:30 p.m.
Contact: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

Jan 31 (Sat) June Lake-Swift Creek Loop Snowshoe - Class B

We'll start at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park on Mount St. Helens, hike to June Lake and climb across a lava flow to upper Swift Creek, and proceed above timberline for views if weather permits. We'll descend the Swift Creek Trail. Hike 6.5 miles with 900 ft. elev. gain. Drive 130 miles round trip. Sno-Park Pass required.
Meet: Register with Leader by Jan. 29, 9 p.m.
Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Jan 31 (Sat) Barbur Transit Center to Marshall Park Hike - Class A

Lots of the hike is on pavement but the part through Marshall Park could be muddy. We will take a 4.5-mile loop hike through parks in SW Portland. Afterwards we will look for somewhere to have lunch.
Meet: Barbur Transit Center, SW Barbur Blvd and SW Taylors Ferry at 10 a.m. Please let leader know you are coming in case of very inclement weather.
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462 home or 503-522-9911 cell or audrey53@comcast.net

Jan 31 - Feb 1 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

The snow should be deep and the lodge warm. We will open at 9am on Sat. and close at 2pm on Sun. Come up for the day and/or the night. Register for dinner and breakfast by Wed. Jan. 28th. Hosts: Gary and Joan Ragan 503-668-6622 or garyragan@verizon.net.

Feb 4 (Wed) Gorton Creek Hike - Class B

Enjoy a winter hike in the Gorge starting at Herman Ck. campground. Depending on the mood of the day we will go to Indian Pt., or forge on to Deadwood Camp, or loop back on the Nick Eaton trail. Hike 8-9 miles round trip with 2400 ft. elevation gain. Drive 70 miles round trip. Check with leader the day before in case of adverse weather forecast.
Meet: Troutdale Outlet Mall, parking lot south side at 8:30 a.m.
Leader: Bill Kingsbury at wfcrowntown@gmail.com (preferred) or 503-281-4528

Feb 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Winter Weekend at Nesika - Class B-C

Come experience Nesika in the Winter time. We will hike up the falls Saturday using what ever equipment we need (boots, chains, showshoes) to reach Nesika. Difficulty will depend upon trail conditions. Saturday dinner will be a "Backpackers Potluck" so bring something to share. Sunday breakfast (pancakes et. al.) will be available for a nominal charge. The event will be shared with members of the Mazamas AYM group. Pre-registration with leader required by Thursday Feb 5, 9PM.
Meet: Multnomah Falls Lodge, 9 AM
Leader: Randy Dietrich randydietrich503@gmail.com or 503-245-5762

Feb 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Snowshoe/Hike – Overnight at Nesika Lodge – Class C

We will join the AYM group at Nesika Lodge for the night and a backpackers' potluck. Our trip will begin at Palmer Mill Road. Be prepared to Hike or Snowshoe in. The hike will be approximately 7 miles into the lodge on Saturday morning. We will hike out on Sunday the same way. Total trip fees including 1 night at the lodge will be: Non-Members/\$17 and Members/\$12. This will be a Class C hike due to unpredictable conditions. You must RSVP with the leader and have some snowshoe experience. Roundtrip 14 Miles; Limit to 10 people.
Meet: 8:30AM Gateway Park and Ride
Leader: Lisa Conrad: Lmc31408@yahoo.com, or (360) 513-7134

Meeting Places:

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the park and ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).
From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh between NW 25th and NW 26th. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

X/C Ski and Snowshoe Trips

February 1 (Sun)	Snowshoe From Tyee Lesia Carlock
February 7 (Sat)	Twin Lakes Snowshoe Lisa Conrad
February 8 (Sun)	Barlow Pass S. on PCT SS Carolyn Jenkins
February 11 (Wed)	Palmateer Snowshoe Susan Saul
February 14 (Sat)	Mineral Jane Snowshoe Gini Bateman
February 21 (Sat)	Mt Adams area Snowshoe Gerda Eck
February 28 (Sat)	Hardtime loop (Wind River) SS Lisa Brice
March 1 (Sun)	Trillium Lake Snowshoe Janet Toman
Mar 7- 8 (Sat-Sun)	Nite-in-the-white at Tyee Allen Burrell
March 7 (Sat)	Old Man Pass Snowshoe Roger Anderson
March 8 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe Allen Burrell
March 15 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe Cathy Schiedler
April 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Pollalie Ridge snowcap Allen Burrell
April 4 (Sat)	Pollalie Ridge Snowshoe Jill Nathman

TCO 2009 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

(Watch Blazer as work weekends get closer for more details)

Nesika

April 19-20

May 17-18

June 14-15

July 12-13

August 9-10

September 13-14

October 11-12

Tyee

May 31-June 1

August 9-10

September 13-14

Let's Talk About

Olympic Peninsula, Ramblewood Outing

August 14-21, 2009 - Hike, bike, climb, kayak and sight see with the Mazamas. Then cook, eat, talk and sleep at Ramblewood. Three hikes daily and a couple of A-1 climbs over the week with Mazamas leader Margaret Smith. You can rent bikes and kayaks or bring your own to use close by. Enjoy seeing Port Townsend with all the Victorian homes. Sol Duc Hot Springs and hikes to the west. Hurricane Ridge is a must hike

place. We will have a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room w/fireplace and dining area. Modern bathhouse, Cabins, Adirondacks, inside loft, RV sites or your tent are the sleeping accommodations. Large fire pit and picnic tables are available for evening enjoyment with snacks. Please See December article for more information or contact leaders. Mazama members \$150 non-member \$180. Register early, spaces limited.

Leader: Billie Goodwin 503-254-6121 oriongood@aol.com
Assistant: Karen Yanhs-Anderson kyanh@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

Karen Yahn Anderson's father died last week after a long illness. He set an example of what an immigrant to this country can do. He brought his family and many friends out of a squalid condition in Asia, moved through many countries and became a successful ceramics technician in this country. He was also a good musician, brought his family up with with a respect for education and made sacrifices to educate his siblings, children, and others. Beside being missed by his siblings, wife, and children, he will be remembered by many for what he made happen.

Tidbits from the Past

From the Trail Blazer, February 1960

The New Year at Nesika

It's a sort of habit or tradition with Ed Neubauer and Melvin Becker to greet each New Year at Nesika, and this was the 23rd time for Ed and 22nd for Melvin. Accompanied by Kenny Becker (his second time), Jerry Reneau, Kenneth Burnham and Jim Debusse, they started up the trail at Multnomah Falls at 8:05 p.m. and arrived at Nesika at 10:30. Above Fern Cove Falls and the upper bridge the trail was in need of repair because of slides and a fallen tree. According to statistician Becker the snow was eight inches deep in Multnomah Basin and six inches at the lodge, with temperature twenty degrees. Just before midnight all met at the Point. The sky was clear and bright with stars. On the stroke of twelve, motorists on the highway far below began to toot their horns. The sky above Dodson became brilliant with a display of rockets and fireworks, and up the Columbia at Bonneville dam lights flashed and a siren wailed the passing of 1959.

Membership Notes

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for them to receive a couple of Blazers for free. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

1st Readings

Ron Austin
800 SE 102nd Ave
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Sponsors: Celine Stroinski & Jane Garbisch

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Sponsors: Nancy Overpeck & Liz Daeges

2nd Readings

Geoffrey A. Green
Andrew Tipton
Sheryl A. Wagner

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Forest Grove, OR 97116-9135

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503-292-458

Summary of Board Minutes

(Complete report on Member's web page)

Trails Club of Oregon Trustees Meeting December 9, 2008

Susan Called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Diana Forester was not present. New Trustees Matthew Newman, Barbara Warren-Sams, Jane Storey, and Phillip Jackson attended. Leonard Murphy, and Art Stangell were also present.

The minutes for November were accepted as submitted.

Administrative Assistant- Virginia reviewed her activities with us. Her written report is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 10/31/08	\$290.97
November Deposits	10,917.00
November Checks	-9,753.52
Ending Balance 11/30/08	\$ 1,454.45

Early Business

Leonard Murphy asked for clarification of our policy regarding collection of funds for the Senior Outing. In May the board had decided that the club would collect the deposits for the Senior Outing, retain the daily trip fees, and return the remainder to the Senior Outing for its expenses. After discussion it was agreed that for the prospective Senior Outing we will ask Audubon Society to collect the deposits and remit the daily fees to us.

Membership Vicki read Ron Austin and Jessie M. Tucker for the first time.
Geoffrey A. Green, Andrew Tipton, and Sheryl A. Wagner were elected to membership,

Trips- We agreed that the increased fees for the Wednesday Morning hikes will be effective Jan. 1, 2009.

Since fuels costs have decreased we agreed that the suggested donation for car pools should be adjusted downward to \$.10/mile with a max of \$.20/mile for a car load.

Publications- Fendall said the January Blazer was underway.

Randy told us that the transfer to the new web host godaddy should be complete by the end of the month.

Social- Callista said we had 17 people at Tyee for Thanksgiving and announced an adventures in travel for Jan. 19.

Lodges- (msc David, Audrey) Helen Gorman be granted a key to Tyee.

(msc Merrill, David) Tyee will be reserved for Virginia Dec. 25,26 & 27.

History- Our materials will be moved into the Mazamas after the first of the year. There will be some more sessions to identify photos.

New Business- (msc Merrill, Callista) The budget as submitted by the committee be adopted as presented.

There was extended discussion of a possible change in location for Board meetings. We will pursue using a Mazamas

room for our meetings. Art and Susan will discuss the possibilities with their representatives.

The Board's next meeting will be Jan 6, 2009 at Rose Villa

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was one heck of a year. Record snowfalls kept Tyee buried until mid-July and kept the road to Nesika blocked until June. Many hikes, backpacks, snowshoe and cross-country ski trips were canceled or redirected to alternate locations to cope with the mounds of snow that kept the backcountry buried until mid-summer.

Our dedicated, enthusiastic, and tenacious lodge hosts and trip leaders came through. Shovels and snowshoes at the ready, they still managed to keep Tyee open and host groups at Nesika through the winter.

We still managed to pull off an array of hikes, backpacks, bicycle trips and kayak trips through the year. Our talented volunteers finally got access to maintain Tyee and the Nesika work crews completed the remodel on the south side of the women's dorm.

Our social committee brought us the monthly Adventure and Travels, a well-attended annual banquet, monthly summer picnics, and well-attended lodge events. We honored our lodge hosts and cooks with an appreciation and training event in October.

In 2009, make a commitment to yourself and to the Trails Club to get involved. Committees do the bulk of the volunteer work in the Trails Club. With nearly 25 committees, we have something for everyone.

Be a member of a committee

Host or cook at Tyee or Nesika

Help out at a Tyee or Nesika work party

Become a leader for hike, backpack, bicycle, kayak, snowshoe or cross-country ski trips

Volunteer leaders are the core of all Trails Club trips. We always welcome new people to lead for us! It's easy to become a Trails Club leader. First, you need to be a Trails Club member. We strongly encourage certification in First Aid and CPR, but it is not required. The Trails Club usually sponsors a free class for our leaders every year. Second, we offer a trip leader appreciation and training event for current leaders and potential leaders to learn leadership skills, usually in March. Current and potential leaders are encouraged to attend.

I hope to see your name on the volunteer roster in 2009!

By Susan Saul

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Lodge Scheduling Guidelines:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five non-members per member will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

Lodge Scheduling Procedures:

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org> (events-lodges)
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar

4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.

5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms. After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the TCO PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.

6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the TCO PO Box.

Webmaster: Karen Yanks Anderson
Vice President: Randy Dietrich
Lodge & Properties Trustee: David Conrad

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of publication.

Please use the following format:

Month. # (Day) Event Class A
Description
MEET: Place, Time
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