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2	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A/A+
5	Sat	Teacup Lake X-Ski - Level A+
6	Sun	Kenton to Swan Island Beach Loop Hike Class A
8	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
9	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A/A+
10	Thu	Gibbons Creek Wildlife Trail Hike - Class A
12	Sat	White River Snowshoe - Class B
13	Sun	Giant Tree Loop Ski - Class A
13	Sun	Afternoon Walk from Medical Teams International - Class A
15	Tue	**Blazer Deadline**
16	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A/A+
19	Sat	Three Peaks Solstice Hike - Class B
20	Sun	Crown Zellerbach Trail Hike - Class A
23	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A/A+
27	Sun	Oxbow Park Hike - Class A
27	Sun	Mt Hood Snowshoe - Class B
27-28	Sun-Mon	Winter Wonderland @ Tyee
29-30	Tue-Wed	b4 New Year @ Tyee
30	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A/A+
30	Wed	Trillium Lake Basin X_Ski - Class A+
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31-01	Thu - Fri	New Year @ Tyee
31-03	Thu-Sun	New Year @ Nesika
Jan 1	Fri	New Years Day Hike to Nesika Class B
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

2010 DUES REMINDER

2010 dues are due Jan 01, 2010. Dues must be received by Feb. 01, 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.

LODGE MEAL FEE CORRECTION

The standard meal fee for Breakfast is now $3.00 not $4.00 as previously stated. This makes the combined fee for Dinner and Breakfast $10.00. This is a minimum fee and can be higher if announced in the write-up or at registration. Effective date is December 01, 2009 at both lodges. Overnight fees remain the same. Cost comparison for overnight, dinner and breakfast for an outdoor club adult member: TCO $20, Mountaineers $30, Mazamas $37 plus 5% tax.

TYEE NEEDS HOSTS!

This wonderful lodge will not be open for winter fun if we don't have trained people sign up and take a turn one of these coming week-ends. It is possible to open and then put no cooking in your write-up. Guests would have to keep their kitchen time and area simple under this arrangement. Joan Ragan 503-668-6622 or joanragan@hotmail.com.

SNOWSHOE COORDINATOR FOUND

Brian Carlson has graciously agreed to oversee the snowshoe schedule. Anyone who is planing to lead a snowshoe trip should check with Brian at Owatta@webtv.net.

TCO HISTORICAL MATERIALS

Most of the TCO historical and financial documents are now stored at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center. To view these materials, please contact a current board member to request access. Please do not contact the Mazama staff. Thank you.

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ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, AMENDS BY-LAWS

The members in attendance at the annual meeting on November 9 elected this slate to the Board: President - Randy Dietrich, Treasurer - Audrey Perino, Lodge Trustee - George Milne, Social Trustee - Callista Snively, Membership Trustee - Vicki Wood. The members also voted to amend the By-Laws to change the Nominating Committee requirement to include only one past president. George Milne presented a slide show on the Tyee roof project. Prior to the meeting, we welcomed more than a dozen new members at our second annual new member reception and gave them some orientation about how they can get involved in the club.

ORDER CLUB "WICKING" T-SHIRTS BY DEC 11TH

There is an opportunity at this time to order TCO t-shirts---think Christmas gifts! Three styles of shirts are available:

1. Forest green dry mesh (wicking) 100% polyester short sleeve for $18.50
2. Medium gray dry mesh (wicking) 100% polyester long sleeve for $19.50
3. Forest green 100% cotton short sleeve for $8.50

To order, send a check payable to TCO to Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Indicate the number and style of shirts ordered and sizes (unisex XS, S,M, L, XL in dry mesh and S, M, L, XL, 2XL in cotton.) This order will be filled on Dec 11, so be sure your check is received by that date. It will be your responsibility to pick up your shirt(s) after arrival. Questions, contact Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net



TYEE ROOF UPDATE

The replacement of the damaged metal roofing on Tyee Lodge was completed on October 23, 2009, just ahead of the snow. After so many buildings experienced problems or failures of their metal roofs in the Government Camp area, we made the decision to upgrade to a system being used to replace the roofs at the Collins Lake Complex. It is a design with Structural Engineer specifications increasing the thickness of the metal and substantial upgrade in anchorage systems and water tightness to withstand the snow loading like we experienced last winter. All the work

was inspected by a Special Inspector who provided documentation supporting a ten year, no leak, warranty from the manufacturer, Taylor Metal Products.

We were fortunate to have a great crew of young men who braved the cold and rain, plus a little snow, to complete the project. The crew stayed at the lodge and we provided room and board for them, which reduced the price from the contractor, Mick Yoder. Virginia Larson recruited members to host and cook.

On behalf of the Trails Club of Oregon, I would like to thank the following members and helpers for contributing their time and expertise to host and cook. Katherine and Angelo Carella, Joan Regan and Ann Dudley, Gerda Eck and Allen Burrell, Pete and Elaine Nelson, Virginia Larson, Jill Campbell and Sylvia Milne, Arleta Miller and Fendall Winston, and Vicki Wood. Because the work took longer than we estimated I filled in for the last five days. Every member of the crew expressed their appreciation for the great meals and kindness of our members.

I would also like to thank the Tyee Lodge Chairman, Stephen Brown, for his success in working with the engineer and the metal supplier to produce a set of specifications for the contractors to bid. Steve also contacted contractors for bids and escorted them to Tyee for a site visit prior to submitting their proposal. He also worked with club members to repair the damage on the roof extension during work parties, which saved us additional expense. Tyee Lodge is ready for the winter weather.

George Milne
Lodge and Properties Trustee

Events

Dec 2 (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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

Dec 5 (Sat) Teacup Lake X Country Ski trip - Level A+

Let's dust off our skis and try them on some easy runs. We can tailor the day's mileage and difficulty to correspond with the group's preferences. Bring layers of clothing, water and lunch and the other essentials. Please register in advance with leader by phone or e-mail. In case there is too little snow, we may hike instead (5-7 miles).
Depart: We will meet at Gateway, time TBA.
Leader: Catherine Schiedler, 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com

Dec 6 (Sun) Kenton to Swan Island Beach Loop Hike - Class A

A North Portland urban walk that starts in the only company town within the Portland City limits and ends on Swan Island and it's along a working waterfront. Bring snack and water. Pace will be dependent upon the weather but I do plan to spend time looking at the sights. Hike 6 miles with slight elevation change. Driving distance not measured.
Depart: 9:30 am Fred Meyer parking lot at North Lombard and North Interstate Blvd. from main entrance. The Lombard Max stop is nearby if you want to use Max.
Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782 (home) and 503-422-8896 (cell)

Dec 9 (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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

Dec 10 (Thu) Gibbons Creek Wildlife Trail Hike - Class A

Explore the new wildlife viewing trail on the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge at a leisurely pace. Bring binoculars to view birds of woodlands, fields, wetlands and streamsides. Walk 5 miles, minor elevation gain. Bring lunch and rain gear.
Depart: 9:30 a.m. from Steigerwald Lake NWR, south side of Highway 14 just past milepost 18 (just east of Washougal, Washington). Restrooms at trailhead.
Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Dec 12 (Sat) White River Canyon Snowshoe - Class B

A trip to the White River Canyon area. About three and a half hours hiking, including lunch break. Back in town by four. A pad to sit on for lunch is handy. Weather may dictate different area to hike in. Bring snowpark permit if driving.
Depart: Gateway Transit Center, 9:00 AM sharp
Leader: Brian Carlson 503-252-3608 Owatta@webtv.net

Dec 13 (Sun) Giant Trees Loop Ski - Class A

Take a break from holiday shopping and kick off the ski season with this easy tour through an old growth Noble Fir forest. The tour begins at the Barlow Pass Snow Park on Hwy 35 two miles past the junction with Hwy 26 and follows the Barlow Pass road to the Giant Trees Trail. Meet the Gateway Transit Center Parking Area 8:30 am. Novice, 2.5 mile loop, 250 ft. elevation gain.
For more information, contact Steve Gilbert 503 292-8099 or E-Mail at gilbert7989@msn.com.

Dec 13 (Sun) Afternoon Walk from Medical Teams International (MTI)- Class A

We'll park in the Medical Teams parking lot and walk to the entrance to Fanno Creek Trail. The paved trail is not yet continuous so we will need to be on city streets some of the time. When we return to MTI those who wish to will have an opportunity to walk through the Real Life exhibit on a self-guided tour. Walk at least 4 miles with no elevation gain.
Depart: Medical Teams International, 14150 SW Milton Ct. (near I-5) at 12:30pm and return about 3:00pm
Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467

Dec 16 (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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Dec 19 (Sat) Three Peaks Solstice Hike - Class B

We will hike to Pittock Mansion, Hoyt Arboretum and Council Crest via trails, then return via tram and streetcar. Hike is approx. 10 miles with 1000 feet total gain. Be prepared for muddy trails and wet or cold weather so bring your good cheer.
Depart: 11:00 am from Wallace Park
Leader: For more information and to sign up please contact Elizabeth McLagan 503-231-6587 or mclaganej@yahoo.com

Dec 20 (Sun) Crown Zellerbach Trail Hike - Class A

We will hike along the old railroad grade between Scapoose and Vernonia for about 4 miles and return. Most of the trail will be well graded and relatively hard surfaced. The portion we will walk is somewhat removed from the road and goes through pleasant low altitude woods.
Depart: 9:30 am from front of the Scapoose Fred Meyer which is on the south side of Highway 30. Call for more complete driving directions if needed. I will park as near to the highway as I can. We will drive an additional 5 miles to the start of the hike.
Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

Dec 23 (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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

Dec 27 (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.
Depart: 9:00 am from Gateway Park & Ride
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Dec 27 (Sun) Mt. Hood area Snowshoe - Class B

A snowshoe hike at an area to be determined later depending on weather. Back in Portland by four pm. Bring lunch, sitting pad, and snowpark permit if driving. (might stop for donuts on the way up)
Depart: Gateway transit Center, 9:00 AM sharp
Leader: Brian Carlson 503-252-3608 or Owatta@webtv.net

Dec 27-28 (Sun-Mon) Winter Wonderland at Tyee

Join us for Sunday and Monday after christmas at Tyee for fun in the snow, and lots of it!! We will have the lodge open Sunday by 11:00 AM. Everyone is on their own for lunch and dinner Sunday, unless we get a volunteer to cook dinner. We will cook breakfast and dinner on Monday and breakfast on Tues. If you have any diet restrictions let us know when sign up. Make reservations by Dec 22nd.
Contact: Yvonne or Michael Parker 503-252-0764 or yosemitehiker@msn.com

Dec 29-30 (Tues-Wed) Tyee Open Post Christmas

Come tryout your new skis, snowshoes or outdoor wear. Christine Olsen will cook Tues.& Wed. and Jane Olsen will host Tuesday night. Stephen Brown will host Wed. night. Stephen (Tyee Chair) will walk through the Winter Opening/Closing procedures for members wanting to host at the lodge in the future.
Reservations (both nights) by Saturday, December 26
Contact: Jane Olsen, 503-287-0670 or janeo@spiritone.com

Dec 30 (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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Dec 30 (Wed) Trillium Lake Basin Cross Country Ski - Class A+

Bring those Christmas presents! We'll ski the loop around Trillium Lake from the Trillium Lake Sno-Park on Hwy 26. Loop is a nice level ski after dropping down from sno-park. Hopefully we can stop for lunch or a break with a view of Mount Hood from south end of lake. Leader will lead a slow paced trip.4.7-5 miles elevation gain 500 ft.
Depart: Gateway at 8:30. Register with leader prior to Tuesday night at 8:00 by phone.
Leader: Bill Yandon; e-mail wkyandon@earthlink.net, Home 503-538-3643, Cell 503-887-2932

Dec 31 (Thu) New Years Eve Moonlight Hike and Stay at Nesika Lodge - Class B

Hike up to Nesika Lodge by the light of the moon. Bring your own food, bedroll and other necessities for your stay. Hike down with Kelly Marlin's group New Years Day or spend more nights at Nesika Lodge with Linda Conrad's group. The choice is yours. Hike 8 miles roundtrip with 1800 feet elevation gain. Drive 48 miles roundtrip. The lodge will be open through Sunday afternoon so see an accompanying article for registration details.
Depart: 5:30 pm from Gateway Park & Ride. Start hiking up from Multnomah Falls at 6:00 pm.
Leader: Register prior to the hike with Linda Conrad 360-837-3875 or lcgorad@aol.com

Dec 31 - Jan 1 (Thu-Fri) New Year's At Tyee

Come and ring in the New Year with our family and friends at Tyee. This event will start with dinner on the 31st through breakfast on the 2nd.
Reservation deadline: Monday, December 28
Contact: Virginia Larson by email at tco2007adm@yahoo.com

Dec 31 - Jan 3 (Thu-Sun) New Year @ Nesika

Enjoy New Years at Nesika. The lodge will be open but you will be responsible for bringing and preparing your own food. Linda Conrad will be the lodge host. Please note that hiking in will be necessary. If you have questions or to let Linda know you are coming, call 360-837-3875 or email lcgrconrad@aol.com.

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

Take your first hike of the year and help perpetuate this fine old club tradition by hiking to our lodge high above Multnomah Falls. Prepare for any winter weather. The trail may be icy, so be sure to bring trekking poles and Yak-Traks (or similar traction devices) for your hiking boots. Bring a lunch to eat while enjoying the glowing fireplace in our lodge. We will leave the lodge about 1:30 pm so that we will be out before dark. Hike 8 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain. Drive 30 miles roundtrip. Depart: 8:30 from Lewis & Clark State Park near the restroom (exit 18 from I-84).

Leader: Kelly Marlin 503-665-6778

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 St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. 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.

Tidbits from the Past

From The Trail Blazer, January 1941
Septemger 20-21, 1941 Mt, Margaret

Round "Mt. Margaret Circuit" up St. Helen's Way into a country new to the club. An early morning start from overnight camp at Spirit Lake, a stout 13 mile trip by a fine alpine trail past St. Helen's Lake, the Dome, the Castle, over Bear Pass to Harmony Falls. By boat across Spirit Lake to starting point. Coffee and tea and fine views furnished. Camera! Total charge $2.50. Register by Friday night with Winona Gulker MU 5796

Let's Talk About



Outgoing President Susan Saul received an enthusiastic thank you and a dozen roses from TCO members at the conclusion of the Nov. 9 Annual Meeting.

Trails Traveled



Kids' Hike
November 14, 2009

Expedition!" Four adventurous children, ages 3, 5, 6, & 10, explored Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge on a Saturday hike led by June Smelser. During this four mile hike colorful Autumn leaves were gathered, boulders became an obstacle course play ground, ducks were observed,

flowers were admired and there was a continuous search for the perfect stick. Three year old, Juliet takes after her Great, Great Grandmother June Smelser and is an excellent hiker. Five year old, Jordan proudly told everyone that he was on a TCO Hike and that he was going to become a Trails Club member. The Autumn Kid's Hike was fun and without rain.
Submitted by Callista Snively



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my farewell message as your President. Two years have gone by since you elected me to this office; this month I will be transferring the President's gavel to Randy Dietrich.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the good and well-being of the Trails Club over the past two years in our many volunteer capacities. I especially want to thank the board members who have given their time, talents and solid judgment to club governance and ongoing operations.

Thank you to Audrey Perino, Callista Snively and Vicki Wood for agreeing to run for re-election for another two years in their offices. Thank you to George Milne for stepping forward to fill the Lodge Trustee position which was left vacant by Dave Conrad's resignation in July. George immediately got involved with the Tyee roof issue and helped Lodge Chair Steve Brown work through all the complications of getting a new roof in place before the snow arrived this fall. Those of you who attended the Annual Meeting on November 9 saw their impressive work in the Lodge Trustee slide show. Meanwhile, Nesika Lodge Chair Richard Gaunt kept work moving forward with "planned and unplanned projects" including a major overhaul of Nesika's water system.

Thanks to the Investment Committee for managing our financial resources. Thanks to the Social Committee for sponsoring lots of fun events and delicious treats.

Thank you to Diana Forester for planning and leading both the Mount Lassen Outing and the Wilderness Outing, to Leonard Murphy for annually organizing the Senior Outing, and the others who planned multi-day trips.

Thanks to everyone who has led membership hikes – we had 64 new members join the Trails Club this year! We have 17 more members now than we did a year ago, despite 29 resignations and 20 terminations.

Finally, thank you to everyone who led a hike, backpack, bicycle ride, snowshoe hike, cross-country ski trip or kayak trip – you are the heart of what the Trails Club is about.
By Susan Saul

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 3, 2009

Call to Order – Susan called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes – October 2009 Minutes were approved with one correction under Social. Part of the first sentence should be changed to read; "Cooks Appreciation was held at Nesika".

Administrative Assistant's Report – Virginia Larson submitted a written report and described the efforts being made to locate our spare PO Box key. Additional items were reported under their areas later in the meeting.

Treasurers Report -Audrey Perino was not present. The submitted treasurer's reports were reviewed. Virginia will work with Audrey to clear up the Outing accounts. An Alpine Outing refund was approved for the Snively's.

Committees -

Membership – Vicki Wood reported one first reading and six new members were elected. Four changes and two deaths; were also reported. The new member's meeting will again be held before the Annual Meeting, next week. The 2010 Dues Notice section on receiving an electronic blazer was discussed. Randy Dietrich explained the process. This would reduce costs and be better for the environment.

Trips – Jane Storey reported that 20 members had signed up for the First Aid Course on Saturday, November 14th. A forty-eight (48) hour cancellation policy has been adopted for training events. Jane will form an Outing sub-committee to develop better guidelines and policies. It was shared that the All of Oregon plaque was presented to Merrill Newman at the October Hike n Dine.

Publications – Virginia Larson reported that our newsletter printing costs will increase about $33 per month due to a USPS tabbing requirement change.

Social – Callista Snively reported that several members have offered to bring desserts for the Annual Meeting. The next Adventures n Travel will be held on 11/19 and both lodges will be having Thanksgiving and New Years events.

Lodges and Properties – George Milne provided the board with updates on the lodges. The roof project was finally completed the day before the October work party. The leftover roofing was saved for future use on the porch roof. The fire escapes on the front of the building need to be redesigned and replaced next year and the oil tank de-commissioned.

The last work party of the year, held October 24-25, went very well. There was a great group of volunteers, who completed many projects. The rebuilding of the exterior kitchen porch stairs was completed later by Jesse Campbell. The lodge is now ready for our winter activities.

An email received from Tyee Lodge Chair Stephen Brown, which strongly recommended compensating George Milne for time spent on the Tyee Roof project, was discussed. The board's decision was to cover his related expenses such as gas.

We have received the signed FS Special Use Permit for Tyee.

It was reported that a beautiful table made by Henry Waespe and donated by Herbie and May Long has found a home in front of the fireplace at Tyee.

The Nesika tractor will come out this year after the Boy Scout's weekend at the lodge.

Lodge Key Requests – Nesika keys were approved (msc-Vicki, Jane) for Callista Snively and Jane Garbisch.

History – We are still waiting to hear back from OHS about picking up our historical materials.

Investment – Susan Saul reported on the investment committee meeting. The impact of the roof repair costs and the rebalancing the fund were discussed. The portfolio was down 13% this last quarter and 19% for the year but has been improving. The committee will visit rebalancing at a later date. Currently, the earnings are being swept to our cash account to rebuild our operation funds.

Conservation – The board received the Annual Report from the Committee.

Unfinished Business

Gift Acceptance Policy and Procedures – Being reviewed by Art Stangell.

Audit Committee – The 2009 Audit report was presented and approved (msc George, Barbara). No issues were found. A request was made; that a copy of the monthly bank reconciliation be stored with the bank statement.

Budget –The budget committee will be meeting the week after the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting – The agenda for the annual meeting was reviewed. An announcement will be made that we need a volunteer to complete a one year term as secretary.

New Business

Memorial Committee – The committee needs a new chairperson, one new member for 2010 and a couple account signers for the transferring of funds to cover the outstanding expenses. Virginia will work on these issues with Audrey, Art and the committee members.

Government Camp Owner's Meeting – George will attend this meeting on November 11, 2009

Clackamas County Hotel Tax – It was reported that Art has a verbal agreement with the county that our lodge fees are below the taxable amount.

Tyee Lodge – A request from Stephen Brown to host the Obsidians at Tyee this winter was approved.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Larson
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Membership Notes

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

1st Readings

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Sponsors: Vicki Wood & Callista Snively

2nd Readings

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Bruce K Palamountain
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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.
All activities must be approved by the appropriate Activity Chair.

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 (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.

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