Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	**Day**	**Event Description**
2	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
5	Sat	Fanno Creek Greenway Hike---Class A
5-6	Sat-Sun	Annual Backpacking Seminar at Nesika and Hike--Class A
8	Tue	**Board Meeting—7PM, Mazama MC**
9	Wed	Morning Hike---Class A/B
12	Sat	Oxbow Park Hike---Class A
14	Mon	**TCO Annual Meeting**
15	Tue	**Blazer Deadline**
16	Wed	Morning Hike---Class A/B
17	Thu	Adventures and Travel--Autumn In the Grand Tetons
23	Wed	Morning Hike---Class A/B
24-25	Thu-Fri	Thanksgiving at Tyee Lodge
25-27	Fri-Sun	Thanksgiving Weekend at Tyee
25-27	Fri-Sun	Backpack; to be decided---Class A
30	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/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		

Announcements

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30 PM
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall
13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR

Delicious desserts, compliments of the Social Committee served from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Learn what our club has accomplished this year, vote on by-law changes and new Board members!

TCO BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2012

The Nominating Committee endorses the following TCO members, who have agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees if approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

Officers: President Richard Gaunt
Treasurer Audrey Perino (returning)
Trustees: Membership Callista Snively
Lodges George Milne (returning)
Social Lisa Osburn

NEW MEMBERS' SOCIAL!

If you are a new member since the last Annual Meeting, watch your mailbox for your invitation to the New Members' Social at 6:00 pm on Nov. 14th before this year's Annual Meeting. You can meet other new members and board members, talk to some of our committee chairs, have questions answered, and get a parking spot before they're all taken! Sandwiches, salads, and beverages will be provided, followed by dessert at 7:00 and the Annual Meeting at 7:30.

THANKSGIVING AT TYEE

Need experienced winter host and cook for Thanksgiving dinner at Tyee. Contact Callista at kissta9@gmail.com or 503-330-7344. Check our web site at www.trailsclub.org for updated information.



ORDER NEW BLUE TCO T-SHIRTS BY NOVEMBER 21st

By popular demand, our t-shirt color has changed back to royal blue, and the front graphic will now be smaller (about 6 ½ inches wide vs 10 ½ inches). They are available in long or short sleeved, and Dry Mesh (polyester wicking) or100% cotton.

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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 $45 in dues for first household member, $25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a $15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month ,7:00 pm, at Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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Prices are:

DRY MESH SS	$21
DRY MESH LS	$22
COTTON SS	$9
COTTON LS	$11

(for size 2XL add $2, for size 3XL add $3)

To order, send a check payable to TCO to Trails Club of Oregon, P.O Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207 **by Nov 21st**. Indicate fabric, LS/SS and price for each shirt ordered. Please include a contact phone number and understand that it will be your responsibility to pick up your order upon arrival. Questions? Call Vicki Wood 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net

OCTOBER AT NESIKA

Transition into fall brought about more than seasonal change at Nesika...

George Milne, Lodge & Properties Trustee, also acting as Nesika Lodge Chair this year, has passed the Nesika Chair position to Glen Conrad, an active and long-time member committed to the future of the lodge.

Much was accomplished during this season's Nesika work weekends. Some examples:

A thorough cleaning and rearranging of the "multi-use dorm" has taken place.

The living conditions have been upgraded by changing the density of beds on each floor to align bunks with the new windows.

A 4 year exterior refurbishing project is near completion. This required removing the cedar siding on all four sides, installing plywood sheeting, Tyvek moisture barrier, and larger windows, and replacing the siding.

A big thank you goes to all those members and guests who have made this season's work weekends a big success.
Next Work Weekend is April 2012



Events

Nov 2 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Nov 5 (Sat) Fanno Creek Greenway Hike – Class A

We'll likely have some late fall colors on this 8.4-mile hike through Fanno Creek parks and wetlands. This is an all-weather walk on asphalt paths and mostly flat terrain. Bring a hat or umbrella if it looks like rain, and park at the NE corner of the Albertson's lot at SW Hall & SW Greenway (1/2 mile west of I-217 on Hall). We'll start at the unsigned trailhead next to Arby's, turn around at Tigard Library's snack/sandwich bar, and be back by 1 pm.
Depart: 9:00 am (with no need to pre-register)
Leader: John Benson 503-334-8026

Nov 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Annual Backpacking Seminar at Nesika and Hike—Class A

Program and activities start at 11:00 AM. We are pleased to have as a guest speaker this year a very seasoned hiker. He has done the Triple Crown. He works for the forest service in The Wallowas. His trail name is "Mossy Old Troll" He will be putting on a slide show titled, "Walking the LIne" (800 miles on CDT). We may get a second hike called, "Seven Moons on the Appalachian Trail". He will be discussing how to down size your pack and other good information. We will again have door prizes and samples. We will have gear to check out and will discuss food and hikes for next year. Come and enjoy the fun. We plan to have a hike in the hills and Multnomah Basin on Sunday AM after breakfast.
To Drive in Friday: Meet at the Travel Parking area just east of McDonalds at the Troutdale exit at 7:30 AM.
To Hike in Saturday: Depart from Multnomah Falls Lodge at 8:30 AM. Hiking distance 4.5 miles to Nesika from Multnomah Falls.
Register with: Linda Conrad 360-837-3875 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com

Nov 9 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

Nov 12 (Sat) Oxbow Park Hike - Class A

Enjoy both the forested side of the park and Sandy River winter views. 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. 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: Gateway Park and Ride at 9:00 AM
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Nov 16 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-7137

Nov 17 (Thu) Adventure & Travel: Autumn in the Grand Tetons

Steve Levy will present a program on his 10-day back-packing trip last Sept in and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park. Steve and his hiking companion of 33 years trekked on and off-trail, and were graced with brilliant weather, wildlife encounters, exquisite sunsets, magnificent mountain scenery, and a jaw-dropping display of fall colors. Dessert and coffee at 7 p.m. and slide-show at 7:30 p.m. Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road in Milwaukie.
For information contact: Callista Snively kissta9@gmail.com or cell 503 330-7344.

Nov 23 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

Nov 24-25 (Thu-Fri) Thanksgiving at Tyee Lodge

For more information access the TCO's web site, www.trailsclub.org or contact Callista Snively, Social Trustee at kissta9@gmail.com or (cell) 503 330-7344.

Nov 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Thanksgiving Weekend at Tyee

The Haveman family will be opening Tyee Lodge for the weekend. Please note that **this is a NO-COOK event** and plan your meals accordingly.
Reservations: Contact Kristi Haveman - 503-490-5127

Nov 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Backpack to be decided - Class A

We will spend three days doing short day hikes out of a base camp. Suggestions are presently the HOH Valley, the Enchanted Valley or somewhere here closer in the Gorge. Call in your suggestions. Let's get a good group together and have fun.
Register with: Linda Conrad - 360-837-3875 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Nov 30 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

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.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note

Five of the ten essentials to bring on every activity: extra clothing (socks, gloves, hat), fire (matches/lighter in waterproof container and fire starter), emergency shelter (small Mylar blanket, bivy bag, large garbage bag), repair kit and tools including knife, first aid kit (no drugs or medicines that will make you drowsy or dizzy). Remember the rest from last month?

Trails Ahead

New Year's at Nesika: Class A Backpack. Dec 30--Jan1 (Fri.-Sun.)

Come and enjoy a laid back weekend at Nesika for good food and companionship at New Years. We will have a bring your own food Pot Luck weekend. Bring your favorite hike pictures and we will do projector shows. We could also play a movie if desired. We will do a hike up Larch Mountain on Saturday AM. Be prepared with snow shoes, instep crampons, flash light and small stove with kettle. Cost is lodging plus $5.00 fee for coffee, tea, propane and condiments. To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

New Year's Weekend at Tyee Lodge Dec 30-Jan 2 (Fri-Mon)

Join us for a New Year's celebration at Tyee Lodge. The family friendly weekend includes Movie Night (Fri eve) and Game Night on New Year's Eve (Sat). Snowshoe to enjoy the fireworks at midnight! Paul and Callista Snively will be your host with Krin Hunt as your cook. Dinner and breakfast will be included. Bring your own lunches. Plan on having fun in the snow, sledding, XC, snowshoeing or relaxing in the lodge by the warm fire. For registration and more information contact Callista Snively at kissta9@gmail.com or cell 503-330-7344 by Wed Dec 21 before 7 p.m.

Suttle Lake Winter Trip JAN 25-29 (Wed-Sun)

Come and enjoy the very cozy Wesley Meadows Lodge at Suttle Lake. This camp is run by The United Methodist Church and Oregon Episcopal Diocese. We can downhill ski at Hoodoo, cross country ski or snowshoe at Ray Benson Sno-Park or other areas in the Metolius or Sisters area. You can also relax and visit Sisters. Price for four nights, Wed thru Sat night, including food and trip fees, are $165 for Trails Club Members, or $170.00 for Cascade Primetimers. This trip will be joint with Cascade Primetimers. There are 12 rooms with twin beds in each, Max of 24 people. A minimum of 20 people and they will cook our breakfast and dinner midweek. They will cook for us on the weekend. The Lodge has a complete kitchen and group hall with a woodstove, and games. Go to www.gbgm-umc.org/suttlelake/index_files/Page416.htm to see pictures. It is a lovely setting. We provide our own bedding and towels. Please make reservations between November 6 and January 6, 2012. Please make your check payable to Trails Club of Oregon, and mail to Barbara Jones, 28931 S Dalmatian Rd, Mulino, Or 97042-8805. E-mail Barbjones50@hotmail.com for questions. Phone 503-829-6424. Please specify if you have a roommate or need a roommate. This should be great time for all participants.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING October 11, 2011

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Randy Dietrich, Bill Yandon, Audrey Perino, Nancy Overpeck, Carolyn Jenkins, Vicki Wood, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, and George Milne.
Others attending: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant, Art Stangell, Legal Counsel, and Chris Monti, Investment Committee Chairman.

Approval of Minutes—September 13, 2011 were approved as corrected (msc) Bill/Callista.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson reported that the date is set for the TCO Annual Meeting at Rose Villa on November 14th.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino reported: Bank statements and bank reconciliations are on file.
Cash balance at September 30, 2011: $11,322.87

Beginning balance	09-01-11	$ 7,090.52
September Deposits		15,708.93
September Checks		-11,476.58
Ending balance	09-30-11	$11,322.87

Ten thousand dollars was transferred from the investment account to the checking account.
The Budget Committee will meet at the end of October. Preliminary draft budgets for lodges are in.
Discussion regarding water bill for Tyee. Should we be charged by PUC for our 2" pipe size or by the number of "units"?

Committees
Membership—Vicki Wood reported first readings Orion Landden and Trudy D. Weathers. Second readings Brian R. Haveman, Kelly Korte, Tina M. Scholnick, Marian Trythall, and Marie Vander Weele. were unanimously approved.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins reported: Completion of handout on "Trails Club of Oregon-Cold Weather Guideline for Activities" to be given out by winter trip leaders. Discussion of need for data base for trip mileage- tracking per individual participant. Winter trip leaders (snowshoe, hiking, and X-country) will meet October 29th at 12:45 p.m. at the Hollywood Library. Any interested members are welcome. A backpack seminar led by Linda Conrad will meet at Nesika November 5-6.

Publications—Phil Jackson reported possible bidding for new printer for theTrail Blazer. Proof-readers for the November Blazer will be Vicki and Audrey.

Social—Callista Snively reported: Thank-yous to Nancy Overpeck for hosting "Eat and Hike" picnics and Lila Grossman for coordinating Hike 'N Dine events. September had 10 members at Eat and Hike. Thirty two people attended the Fall Festival at Nesika. Thank-yous to Virginia for cooking and George Milne for hosting. Oct 16-17 will be the last Hike 'N Dine for the year. No Adventures and Travel was held in October. April 15, 2012 will be the annual banquet at the Monarch Hotel (complete report on file).

Lodges and Properties—George Milne reported that the winter entry for Tyee is not completed as yet.
A bid has been received for engineering fee for repairs of Multnomah Creek Bridge (on file).
Motion to accept $2500 fee for engineering tabled until reviewed by Property Advisory Committee.
Peterson Creek Bridge (road to Nesika) has a big hole.
Improvements made to Nesika women's dorm.
Emergency key mounted at Nesika for Search and Rescue and Multnomah Falls Ranger.
Glen Conrad has been appointed Nesika Lodge Chairman.

History—Debbie Ralls, the new chair, will meet with Virginia..

Investments—Chris Monti, Chairman, reported plan for the new management of TCO investment monies. Audrey will inquire about bonding costs for the investment committee. The plan for the investment is to change from Morgan Stanley to Fidelity. Motion to adopt resolution that Randy Dietrich, President TCO, and Chris Monti, Investment Committee Chairman, have the signatory authority to open a Fidelity Account on behalf of Trails Club of Oregon. (MSC) George/Audrey.
Suggestion that Randy also be on the Investment Committee.

Conservation- no report

Legal Counsel Report—Art Stangell reported money from Peggy Stone estate received
.
Unfinished Business—Budget Committee will meet the end of October.

New Business—Nominating Committee report (approved via e-mail) : President; Richard Guant, Tresurer; Audrey Perino (returning), Lodges; George Milne (returning), Membership; Callista Snively, Social; Lisa Osburn.

Good of the order—December board meeting of old and new members will be at Callista's home on December 13th for potluck dinner.

Adjourn 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted--Nancy Overpeck, Secretary



Klamath Kayak Trip - 2011 by Steven Benson





George & Sylvia—Nesika Work Weekend





Upgraded Interior—Multi-Use-Dorm



Nesika Work Weekend—October 2011



Multi-Use-Dorm—Nesika

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

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

Orion Landden
21100 NE Sandy Blvd #36
Fairview, OR 97024
503-422-9527
olandden@gmail.com
Sponsors: Jane Garbisch & Kathy Pollock

Trudy D Weathers
2741 NE Elliott Ave
Gresham, OR 97030
503-407-8177
trudye@haydenisland.com
Sponsors: Diana Forester & Kathy Pollock

2nd Readings

Brian R Haveman
Kelly Korte
Tina M Scholnick
Marian Trythall
Marie Vander Weele

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.
For hikes and showshoe activities:
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.
Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending.

Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.

Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should 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.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of $2 for Guests, $1 for Members for day activities.
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.

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 Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: **blazer@trailsclub.org**

Submissions are due by the 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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