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Obsidian Membership Directory

Dates to Remember

Mar 18	Lodge Work Party
Mar 24	Program - Reuls - Spain
Apr 5	Obsidian Board Meeting
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Summer Trips Committee Schedules More Than 200 Outings for 2006

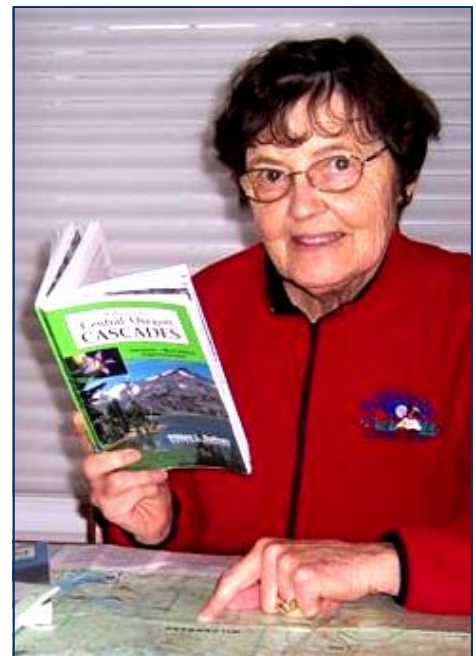
By Janet Jacobsen

POLISH THOSE HIKING BOOTS, pump up those bicycle tires, search for those binoculars...and sign up for an Obsidian trip!

This year's summer schedule invites every Obsidian to exclaim, "That looks interesting; I would like to go on that trip."

Margaret Prentice and the 19 people on the Summer Trips Committee have been working since January, calling and emailing potential leaders. Their hard work paid off with 102 leaders leading 202 trips (as the Bulletin went to press). There are 169 hikes, 3 backpacks, 1 canoe trip, 4 nature walks, 2 field trips, trail maintenance outings and 22 bike trips, some of which include birding, camping and hiking. The Summer Trips Committee has also facilitated activities sponsored by the Conservation and the Science & Education Committees, such as Beach Clean Up Day on March 25.

IT IS NOT EASY calling an Obsidian in January or February to ask for a commitment to lead a trip in September. When I called Pat Adams, he responded cheerfully with, "Just tell me the date and what to lead." After Bill Montgomery gave me the date for his trip and I was just going to hang up, he said, "Oh, I will also lead another



Margaret Prentice, Sullivan in hand, map at the ready, who along with her dedicated committee, put together a record setting trips schedule.

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Margaret Offers Kudos

SUMMER TRIPS CHAIR Margaret Prentice says a huge "thank you" is due all the callers for "their diligence in making the many, many calls, callbacks and emails needed to produce the record 202 trips for 2006. It's going to be a fabulous year!"

Thanks, too, to Janet Jacobsen for carefully preparing the calling lists and balancing the schedule and to Wayne Deeter for keeping the online preliminary schedule updated daily.

Callers were: Sue Archbold, Anne Bonine, Jean Coberly, Julie Dorland, Larry Dunlap, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Janet Hall, Janet Jacobsen, Diane Jeffcott, Sherwood Jefferies, Sandra Larsen, Joanne Ledet, Becky Lipton, Helen Martz, Barb & Tom Revere, Ruth Romoser and Barbara Shomaker.

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**February 2006
Member Stats**

Active Member	469
Associate Member	31
Honorary Member	3
Junior Member	18
Life Member	21
Total	542

Obsidian Gets Scouting's Highest Volunteer Honor

OBSIDIAN REBECCA HANSEN recently received the Silver Beaver Award, highest honor the Boy Scouts of America give to adult volunteers. She began her volunteer work with the Boy Scouts in 1978. She's been a Cub Scout leader, a scoutmaster, a unit commissioner, a Cub Scout day camp director, a member of the Pow Wow and Wood Badge staffs, outdoor program instructor and commissioner at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Over the years, Becky's received numerous other awards. Outside of scouting, Rebecca has been head custodian at Springfield Middle School for over 13 years and was the 1989 *Classified Employee of the Year* for Springfield School District. A member of Mohawk Community Church, she's also served as a Sunday school teacher, scorekeeper, Home Extension member and Pacific Crest Trail Association member.

Becky's been on 90 Obsidian hikes and 3 climbs and got her 25-trip leader patch at October's annual meeting. She became a princess in 1986 when she was given the name, Princess Pine Cone.

Princesses Convene Tuesday March 21

THE OBSIDIAN PRINCESSES will meet on Tuesday, March 21st, at 11:15 a.m. at Blooming Branch Bistro (49 W. 29th St...the old Grape & Grain) in Willamette Shopping Center. The discussion topic, according to Janet Jacobsen, will be "closing our checking account and donating the money to the building fund." Princesses with questions should call Lenore McManigal at 345-2036.

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COMING THIS MONTH

Sip a Little Vino with Chuck and Sandy Reul

JOIN US ON **FRIDAY**, March 24, for our monthly program in the large community meeting room at EWEB. Socializing and light refreshments will be offered starting at 7 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 7:30.

This month, Obsidian members Chuck and Sandy Reul will take us on a trip to Spain. Last June, they traveled to Haro in the Rioja area for two weeks of cycling and hiking with a British adventure company called Headwater, which markets self-guided walking and cycling trips in Europe. They found Rioja to be a beautiful unspoiled valley, surrounded by mountains.

The area had few tourists, but did have 1,200 bodegas (Spanish for wineries). It is a historic region with many old monasteries and is the birthplace of the Spanish language, they say. Their trip included eight days of cycling, followed by six days of hiking.



Sandy and Chuck along with Kim and Becky Woodard of Eugene as they begin their adventure

REWARD! For Missing Half-Person

IN THE PRINT VERSION of last month's Obsidian Bulletin, the upper half of John McManigal's body disappeared from the photo in the story about his model wagons.

All preliminary proofs, the website color version of the publication and the PDF email sent to the printer were OK...nothing missing. Theories range from a so far unidentified technical glitch to alien abduction.

While half a John might be better than none at all, we would very much like to have the other half back...or, at least, know where it is. A generous



reward has been established and will be presented to anyone who can provide information leading to the recovery of John's better half (no offense meant to Lenore) or to the answer to this mysterious disappearance.

Anyone qualifying for the reward will receive a one-year FREE subscription to The Bulletin and an opportunity to serve on our staff as a senior proof-reader.

If you have any information relating to this case or have seen half a McManigal anywhere, please contact John Jacobsen at bulletin@obsidians.org.

Gearing Up: Getting the Right Gaiters



By *Kristin Hostetter*
Special to the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

THE TIDE WAS RISING QUICKLY. We had about five minutes to get around the headland before the beach was swallowed up by the surf, and our intended campsite was on the other side. Waves sloshed around our ankles, sneaked up our legs and saturated our boots as we hurried around the protruding cliffside.

Luckily, my knee-high nylon gaiters kept my last pair of socks from getting soaked. My gaiterless traveling partner wasn't so lucky. Within a few steps, water had seeped over the top of his boots, turning his wool socks into sponges.

Gaiters do more than just keep waves at bay when you're navigating the Olympic Peninsula coastline. In all sorts of inhospitable terrain, they can ward off rain, snow, sand, mud and scree... and even protect your bare calves from blackberry brambles or other thorny nuisances.

Gaiters come in a variety of shapes, styles and sizes. To decide which is right for you, consider the following characteristics:

- **HEIGHT:** To-the-knee gaiters offer the most protection, making them ideal for snowshoeing, skiing or beach-whacking jaunts (like the one described above). But they can be hot, especially when layered over long johns and/or rain pants. If you're a hot-weather hiker, ankle-high, or "shortie," gaiters do a good job of keeping sand, stones and other debris from sneaking into your boots and causing undue friction.

- **MATERIALS:** Gore-Tex is an ideal gaiter fabric, because it is waterproof and breathable. But the cost comes in the price. If you're a bargain hunter, look for coated nylon gaiters, but stay away from heavy, thick, bulky Cordura fabrics.



Kristin Hostetter

In my experience, they're overkill in a gaiter application.

- **CLOSURES:** First, consider the placement of the closure. I've found the most convenient closures are in the front, up the crest of your shin. Backside closures are sometimes tough to adjust. Second, look at the type of closure. You'll find Velcro, zippers, snaps and combinations of the three. My favorite closure type is Velcro. When used in wide swatches, it's completely waterproof, easy to put on, adjust and remove, and far less fiddly than zippers or snaps. Plus you don't have to worry about a zipper jamming or a snap popping off.

- **FIT:** Don't buy gaiters without first trying them on with your boots. If you'll be wearing gaiters with different pairs of boots, bring them all to the store and check for compatibility. Some gaiters are baggy, puffy and sloppy, and don't have a tight seal around the bottom of the boot -- which is an absolute necessity.

Look for tapered gaiters that mirror the shape of your leg, so there's not a lot of excess fabric to impede your step or make an annoying "shushing" sound when you walk. Also, check that seal -- often elastic -- around the bottom of the gaiters. Make sure it closely hugs the side of your boot, so water or other stuff doesn't creep up inside.

- **UNDERFOOT STRAP:** By this I mean the strap that wraps from one side of your foot, under your instep to the other side and keeps the gaiter from riding up your boot and leg. Some cheaper gaiters sport shoestrapping straps that can be a pain to adjust properly and frequently break. Look for sturdy underfoot straps made of hypalon or other bombproof material.

An outdoors writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Kristin was Backpacker Magazine's gear editor for seven years and continues to write for that publication. See:

<http://backpacker.com/experts>

She has generously allowed the Obsidian Bulletin to reprint her Seattle P-I articles.



Construction Progress

THE GOOD WEATHER during February moved lodge construction and renovation right along. Framing is almost complete. The roof is sheathed. Electrical installation and other interior work should start soon.

Planning is underway for finishes and the volunteer effort that will be needed.

Close Encounters with the Gray Whale

The following personal opinion column has been reprinted with permission from the March issue of "The Quail," the Lane County Audubon Society's newsletter. Pat is the society's conservation chair.

By Pat Bitner

LIKE MOST WHO LIVE on or near the Pacific coast, I have watched the annual winter migration of the California gray whale off our waters. At best, one sees a part of a body, dark and slippery, roll on the surface and disappear; or, we see only the spray as it surfaces to breathe. The rest is left to one's imagination; with a longing to see more, to receive more, from this gray whale -- the "devil fish," so-called by whalers for its ferocity in defending its young.

Once prevalent throughout the northern hemisphere, it is now extinct in the Atlantic and occurs only in the north Pacific. It summers in the Bering Sea, feeding on crustaceans and bottom dwellers. In the autumn, it begins its 5,000-7,000 mile swim to the warm water of the Baja California peninsula. There, in only three areas in all the world -- Scammon's Lagoon, San Ignacio Bay and Magdalena Bay -- the gray whale calves, mates, frolics in the warm waters and then begins its return journey north to pass our shores in March.

IN LATE JANUARY, I fulfilled a long-standing wish to come close to these gentle giants; or as close as I could, by making a trip to La Paz and a three-hour drive over a winding desert road - Hwy. 1, the only paved road north to south on the Baja peninsula - to a lonely windy site bounded by dunes on the Pacific side and mangroves on the east called Magdalena Bay.

There, pangas -- small open boats -- waited to take us to the grays. After the pleasure of being accompanied by five bottle nosed dolphins for a spell, the whales appeared. Lots of them. Huge tan bulks of the mothers, barnacle crusted; they rolled and blew, accompanied by the much smaller, black calves. We even saw one juvenile, alone, who breached three times (the whole body clears the surface of the water). Mothers and calves seemed to enjoy approaching the surf-line, where the bay ends and the open sea begins. Were they



Photos by Pat Bitner

playing? It seemed a safe, warm and languid setting for family fun.

Pioneering Accord

A FIRST MILESTONE in international efforts to secure permanent protection for the gray whale nursery at San Ignacio Lagoon was reached in late 2005 with an agreement between local landowners and the Laguna San Ignacio Conservation Alliance to bar all industrial development in 120,000 acres along the lagoon's eastern shore. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) was highly involved in a five-year campaign to force the Mitsubishi Corp. to stop plans for a huge salt processing plant on the lagoon's shores. NRDC supporters contributed \$1.5 million to buy development rights from landowners. Under the present agreement, local fishing and farming cooperatives will receive funds to offset limiting development on their lands. It is a hopeful beginning.

Birds of the Baja

And what wonderful bird colonies live in the mangrove swamps ringing Magdalena Bay! Our familiar grey herons, great egrets, brown pelicans, Heermann's gulls and elegant terns in great numbers. More exotic species -- white pelicans, little blue heron, magnificent frigate birds, also in view.

On other days during my stay in Baja, we saw blue footed boobies and the frigate birds in large numbers. I had seen both in the Galapagos, but did not know they would be resident this far north. Many winter migrants spend the cold times near Cabo San Lucas, one of the

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More Than 200 Summer Outings for 2006

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later in the month.” When I asked Rich Romm to lead Grizzly Peak, he offered to lead two other trips. At the Summer Camp Rally, several Obsidians added trips to help fill out the schedule and to reach the goal of 200 trips. There should be a prize for Chris Stockdale for adding the 200th trip. Actually, every one of the leaders deserves a prize! We wouldn’t have a club if we didn’t have leaders. I believe one of the best ways to volunteer in our club is

to lead a trip.

The schedule is updated regularly on www.obsidians.org. Trips are also published in Tuesday’s Register-Guard Outdoors section and in the Eugene Weekly. The YMCA bulletin board should also be checked regularly for changes. In essence, the schedule in this Bulletin is just the “*first edition*.”

Margaret says, “We encourage leaders to reschedule, *not cancel* their trips.”

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE to add a trip.

For example, Mary’s Peak is not on the schedule.

Email summertrips@obsidians.org with details or call Margaret (687-5850). She will be happy to answer questions and help with suggestions.

Important Leaders Meeting
&
First Aid Workshop
See upcoming events on Page 19

No.	Activity Type	Leaders
19	Bike Trips.....	9
1	Bike/Hikes	1
1	Bike/Camping	1
1	Bike/Birding	1
4	Backpacks	4
13	Bus Trips	13
1	Canoe/Kayak.....	1
29	Climbs.....	21
1	Climb School.....	1
2	Conservation Hikes.....	1
1	Crevasse Rescue	1
176	Hikes	90
1	Hike/Trail Maint.	1
2	Nature Field Trips	1
2	Nature Walks	1
2	Summer Camp.....	2
1	Trail Maintenance	1
2	Workshops	2
259	Total	152

...and That’s Not All Folks

SUMMER TRIPS, WHILE KING of the numbers game, is certainly not the only game in town. Liz Reinier, chairperson of the Bus Trips Committee, recently announced 13 bus trips, including two multi-day trips. The Climbs Committee chair, Doug Nelson, just released the climb schedule, with 29 climbs, Obsidian climb school and a crevasse rescue class. Judy Newman, the new chairperson of the Conservation Committee, has scheduled three trips, including a beach cleanup day, and two conservation hikes.

Peter Asai and his Trail Maintenance

Committee have trail maintenance activities planned for National Trails day as well as their ongoing involvement with the City of Eugene on the Ridgeline Trail. Summer Camp this year includes two sessions for the first time in a long time. Winter Trips is just ending their season, but will be hard at it next fall planning for another winter of activities .

So when you add it all up it makes for a very impressive list of activities in the outdoors for Obsidians and our community. Speaking of lists, to the left is a list that adds it all up.

Proposed Federal Budget Includes Added Piece for Ridgeline Trail

THIS YEAR’S FEDERAL BUDGET, as proposed by the Bush administration to Congress, includes a \$460,000 grant to the City of Eugene that would be combined with \$340,00 of the city’s own funds to purchase a 24-acre property in the southwest hills.

Southwest of where Bailey Hill and Bertelsen roads meet, the land is a combination of rolling upland prairie and oak savannah. The area would be great for hiking, bird watching and other outdoor activities -- and would help connect the Ridgeline Trail in the south hills to the West Eugene Wetlands.

IF CONGRESS APPROVES, this would mark the first time the 13-year-old federal Forest Legacy Program has been used to conserve land in Oregon. The city applied for the funding through the state Department of Forestry. A number of local groups and agencies, including the Obsidians, submitted letters of support for the application.

In our club’s support letter, John Jacobsen (last year’s president) said, “As a local Eugene hiking, climbing and outdoor organization, the Obsidians have a long standing interest in the open spaces of our community and its surroundings. We have an ongoing arrangement with the City of Eugene to help maintain portions of the Ridgeline Park trail system, to which the subject land is connected and will provide key recreational and habitat resources. We are, both as a club and as individual members, also regular users of the existing open spaces that Eugene has protected. We consider them valuable community resources.

“Enrollment of the parcel in the Forest Legacy program,” said Jacobsen, “will enhance the open spaces of Eugene through important habitat conservation, protection of rare native plants, and connection of Eugene’s Ridgeline Park system and a private wetland preserve.”

Hiking Choices at Camp Deetour

By Lana Lindstrom

IN PAST BULLETINS, we've described some of the many activities available at summer camp. This time, we're featuring a few of the hiking options. Some of the higher elevation trails will probably still be closed due to snow, but there are choices at lower levels. Local bookstores and REI carry Olympic National Park and Forest hiking guides and maps. We'll also have books and maps in camp available for perusing. We have been told by the ranger that the road to the visitor center at Hurricane Ridge will most likely be open by mid-June.

Hurricane Hill Lookout Trail

Beginning at the Hurricane Ridge visitor center parking area, this trail climbs steadily with views of the interior Olympic mountains, as well as the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Vancouver Island. Beyond the junction with the Little River Trail, the trail ascends the south slopes of Hurricane Hill, then intersects the Hurricane Hill Trail near the summit. The merged trails climb to the top of Hurricane Hill, where concrete footings of a fire lookout cabin remain.



From the summit, Port Angeles resembles a toy town and Victoria can be seen across the strait. A short nature trail meanders through the meadows. *Hiking Distance: 3 miles RT. Driving distance: 75 miles RT*

Olympic Hot Springs and Madison Falls

Olympic Hot Springs were discovered in 1892, but were virtually inaccessible until a road was built to the site in the 1930s. The trail to the springs begins at the end of Olympic Hot Springs Rd. and follows Boulder Creek. Just beyond Boulder Creek Campground at 2.2 mi. the trail crosses the creek to the south side leading to 10 mud-bottomed hot springs featuring tepid to hot water, where some visitors bathe au naturel. A detour to 60-foot Madison Falls can be taken on the way out, near the park entrance booth. *Hiking distance: 5 miles RT. Driving distance: 80 miles RT*

Upper Dungeness Trail

This trail begins on the west side of the Dungeness River, then follows it to Camp Handy (3.2 miles, 600 ft. elevation gain) in the center of the upper Dungeness Valley. The Dungeness River is not glacial, therefore clear with water cascading over rocks and logs in the riverbed interspersed with

deep, clear pools. Beyond Camp Handy, the trail climbs above the valley to Boulder Shelter. The trail ascends steadily crossing numerous streams and providing views of snow-clad peaks before reaching the shelter on a grassy knoll. *Hiking distance: 13 miles RT. Driving distance: 55 miles RT*

Dungeness Spit

This beach hike through a wildlife refuge ends at the lighthouse at the tip of Dungeness Spit, which has been in continuous operation since 1857.



Volunteers are available to show you around the lighthouse. Over 250 species of birds have been recorded at the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. Hike 3/8 mile through forest to an overlook on the bluff above Dungeness Spit. The trail continues down a steep hill to the spit and becomes a 4.5 mile beach walk to the lighthouse. Hike all or part of the trail. *Hiking distance: 9 miles RT. Driving distance: 25 miles RT*

Tubal Cain Trail

This trail passes Silver Creek Shelter, then heads south along Copper Creek following the route used by miners to pack in equipment and bring back ore from Tubal Cain Mine after copper, manganese and other minerals were discovered in 1899. Near Tull Canyon Creek, the trail enters dense forest and follows a tributary of Copper Creek to Tubal Cain Camp at 3.6 miles. The nearby defunct mineshaft is unsafe to explore; and debris is scattered over the area.



The trail continues to Buckhorn Pass at 7 miles, then turns south along the ridge, with views of the valley, several mountains, and the strait. The trail eventually descends to Marmot Pass at almost 9 miles. *Hiking distance: 14-18 miles RT. Driving distance: 60 miles RT*

BOARD NOTES

March 1, 2006

Board members present: Wayne Deeter (President), Laurie Funkhouser (Secretary), Marianne Camp, Jim Duncan. Brian Hamilton, Stewart Hoeg, Sandra Larsen and Anne Dhu McLucas. Also present: Doug Nelson, Sharon Duncan, Judy Newman, Sharon Ritchie, Bill Johnson, Kathy Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, John & Janet Jacobsen, Rob Castleberry, Lenore McManigal, Marshall Kandell and Max Brown. February minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: In Sheila's absence, Jim Duncan sought and received approval for payment of the following bills: EWEB, \$325; Publications (Postmaster \$115, Insta-Print \$399.75); FEI – Testing and Inspection (lodge construction), \$1,066.60; 2G Construction (lodge construction), \$27,256.05; Hallis LCC (tax preparation), \$530; Oregon Dept. Revenue (2005 taxes), \$75; U.S. Bank (2005 Fed. Inc. Tax) \$264; Sharon Duncan (entertainment), \$20.28; Chris Stockdale (extended trips), \$420; Stewart Hoeg (entertainment), \$45; Joella Ewing (summer trips), \$70; FWOC, \$50.

Old Business

Construction (John Jacobsen): Framing almost complete, electrical hardware ordered and installation will start soon. Planning under way for finishes and volunteer effort for finish work. Substantial completion anticipated by mid-April. Three change orders signed to date total about \$1,865, with two more verbally approved in amount of \$600. Based on costing analysis, the cost to completion is in the range of \$160,000 to \$177,000; which will require borrowing \$7,500 to \$24,500 from Endowment Fund.

Fundraising (Sharon Ritchie): Current total of donations for Lodge construction/renovation, \$63,351.

New Business

ONRC Roadless Areas Letter (Judy Newman): Request from Matthew Fisher of Oregon Natural Resources Council to include our club's name along with other outdoor recreation organizations in a letter to U.S. Forest Service re: moratorium on new roads into "roadless areas" pending policy review underway. Approved.

Goal 5 National Resources Inventory (Wayne Deeter): Stewart Hoeg volunteered to attend a March 7 Lane County

Planning Commission hearing relating to Goal 5 National Resources Inventory.

Committee Reports

Summer Trips (Sandra Larsen): Five 2005 trip reports received (43 participants - including 17 nonmembers -- total fees \$86. This year's schedule complete (see story and schedule). Leaders' meeting will be Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at EWEB. On Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m., Dr. Larry Dunlap will present "Practical First Aid for Leaders." Annual Report 2005: 133 trips, 815 member participants, 224 nonmembers for total fees of \$1,697.

Winter Trips (Bill Johnson): Seven trip reports, all on-line, involving 40 members, 14 nonmembers, 1 junior, total fees of \$97.

Climbs (Doug Nelson): Doug announced 2006 climb schedule (see schedule insert), the annual climb school and crevasse rescue class. Annual Report 2005: 25 climbs, 93 members, 20 nonmembers with total fees of \$360. There were five trip cancellations. Also, \$500 from climb school.

Trail Maintenance (Peter Asai): Focus continues to be on Spencer Butte Park through May, with a break in the summer months and resuming in October. One or two trips will be planned for National Trails Day in June. Peter also presented the board with a "Thank You" poster from the Eugene Parks Department with photographs of participants working on the trail.

Bv-Ways-Bv-Bus (Liz Reanier): February 26th rally attended by 65 members and guests who signed up and made payments. To date, all trips have space available. Annual Report 2005: 14 of 18 trips completed included 456 riders (including 89 nonmembers) for total fees of \$1,121.

Summer Camp (Jim Duncan): Lana Lindstrom (and Jim) directed a successful summer camp rally on Feb. 24th with over 100 people attending, including about 25 first timers. To date, 151 applications received.

A new statement regarding alcohol consumption to be included in the camp booklet was discussed. As generally agreed, the proposed statement will read: "*Alcohol is not permitted on official Obsidian outings. Alcohol is allowed in camp. It is expected that all campers will be responsible in complying with the regulations.*" The board approved changes to the summer camp checking account signature card.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): The committee has approved a Chris Stockdale

proposed cross-country ski trip in the Wallawas for February 2007. The trip will be arranged through Wing Ridge Back County Ski and will involve skiing to a hut and using it as a base camp. The cost will be \$35 per person, with a maximum of 10 participants. Annual Report 2005: One trip took place in 2005 with nine participants.

Conservation (Judy Newman): See stories on Great Oregon Beach Cleanup and scheduled conservation hikes on Page 16. The committee is distributing informative flyers of local events, Eco-Tips, etc. at the monthly potlucks. Doug Nelson will provide Bulletin articles relating to discussions of "Choices for Sustainable Living." The committee continues to explore ideas, topics and speakers for developing monthly educational programs.

Publications (Marshall Kandell): February Bulletin cost \$476.56 (postage \$110.56, printing \$366). Printing of summer camp registration form, \$33.75.

Entertainment (Kathy Hoeg): 104 attended the February summer camp rally potluck. Fees of \$73 collected. Kathy requested and obtained approval for Chris Cunningham to become a committee member. Chris will be in charge of publicity and reports for the Bulletin.

Membership (Sharon Ritchie): Board approved five new members and one reinstatement

Publicity (Marianne Camp): Walt Dolliver has agreed to monitor the YMCA board.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Sales of \$55 in February. Annual Report for 2005: Total sales of \$85.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Summer and bus trip schedules available online.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): Annual Report for 2005: Finance Committee audited the Bus Committee and General Funds and prepared the 2006 budget.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Lenore has been checking the trip reports submitted online with the help of Janet Jacobsen and has been able to record all reports which have been submitted to date. As always, Lenore encourages leaders to submit reports promptly.

Lodge Building (Rob Castleberry): Work party scheduled for March 18.



Snowshoe Trips

Salt Creek Falls

February 18, 2006

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

Snowshoe 4 miles ("A")

TWENTY DAYS LATE (we had to re-schedule when the weather service threatened us with three feet of snow and high winds), 11 of us met at SEHS on a beautiful sunny and COLD morning. At Salt Creek parking lot it was a balmy 12 degrees and windy. There were other cars in the lot, but we were destined to a day on the trail alone. Apparently, everyone else felt that trekking further than the restrooms was too adventurous. We started by viewing Salt Creek Falls, which were dramatically iced, including underwater rocks above the falls that were also covered in ice. We continued up to the bridge and crossed the creek and took the trail in a clockwise direction. The walking was easy -- hard-packed snow -- but our snowshoe teeth proved valuable in giving us traction.

At Diamond Creek Falls, we were greeted with a second icy vision. Due to the cold, our stop was brief; just a very quick snack, no lunch. We made it back to the cars by 11:40; perhaps, a new record! We met up again at McGillicuddy's for something warm. Everyone agreed it had been a great trip, but a little brisk. The warm beverages and a 20 degree improvement in the temperature in Oakridge thawed everyone out for the return trip. The Polar Bear Club included non-members Diane Horgan and Virginia Rice; members Jim and Sharon Duncan, Barb Revere, Barbara Bruns, Sherwood Jefferies, Stephen Brander, Patrice McCaffrey and Stewart Hoeg; and junior member Greer Brander-McCaffrey.



Jim Duncan finds solitude on Marilyn & Gold lakes snowshoe trip (see left.)

Marilyn & Gold Lakes

February 12, 2006

Leader: Stewart Hoeg

5 miles, 300 ft. "B"

Photos by Barb Revere

EIGHT PEOPLE HEADED UP to the Gold Lake Snow Park. When we arrived we were greeted by an almost empty parking lot and a beautiful blue sky. We quickly got to the trailhead and headed into the woods.

The snow was deep, packed and a bit dirty due to recent warm temperatures and a week without any fresh snow. We had beautiful views of both Upper and Lower Marilyn Lakes as we took the "road less traveled" to the Gold Lake shelter for lunch. We had the shelter to ourselves, but the weather was so beautiful Nancy and Barb stayed outside and soaked up the sun.

After lunch and a brief visit to Gold Lake, we headed up the road and back towards the cars. We were almost halfway

back up the trail before we saw a couple of other snowshoers -- only the 3rd and 4th people we had seen during our trek. We made it back to the cars pleasantly tired and a bit warm in the 40 degree weather. One car stopped at Dairy Queen in Oakridge and was greeted with weather approaching 60! Hikers included members Jim and Sharon Duncan, Barb Revere, Nancy Whitfield, Sherwood Jefferies, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg and non-member Jolene Siemsen.





Ski Trips

Fawn Lake

February 5, 2006

Leader: Bob Huntley

X-Ski, 6 miles, 800 ft. (Intermediate)

WHEN A WINTER STORM was forecast, several people cancelled. That left six of us at LCC with me the only driver. Thanks and apologies to Nancy Whitfield and Suzanne Steussy, who volunteered to not go. That left Dave Jensen, Sue Wolling, myself (Bob Huntley) and nonmember Art Souther. We went over Willamette Pass without having to chain up. There was plenty of snow at the Crescent Lake Sno Park. As we climbed there was so much new snow at the upper elevations we were unable to follow the old ski tracks. There are no blue diamonds. Not having a GPS and a good fix on our location, we decided to have lunch and follow our tracks back to the car. Driving home, we hit a serious snowstorm at the pass and put chains on to get down from the mountains. Thank you Sue for breaking trail!

Midnight Lake

February 5, 2006

Leader: Diane Jeffcott

X-Ski, 5 miles, 500 ft. (Advanced Beginner)

NINE OF US TOOK OFF in two cars for a sunny day of skiing. We had to put on chains and passengers had the task of reading the directions so they would be competent when the time came for them. With two inches of new snow, we didn't have to break trail. The weather was sunny and ranged from 27 to 40. We skied up the road, then took the trail to the lake where we ate and were joined by some very fat birds. We had a fast ski down the road and were home by 4:30, in time to watch most of the Super Bowl! Several passengers said they thought winter trip car pooling fees should be higher than summer

trips because of the added expenses of ski racks, chains, lack of willing drivers, etc. Perhaps this could be suggested at a board meeting. Participants: nonmembers Susan Carkin, Judy Clemmons, Judy Reininger and Art Souther; members Mari Baldwin, Diane Jeffcott, Carol Petty, Suzanne Steussy and Nancy Whitfield.

Maiden Peak

February 18, 2006

Leader: Harold Thompson

X-Ski 12 miles, 2,800 ft. (Advanced)

COLD! VERY COLD. With record-breaking temperatures in the forecast, three warmly dressed skiers left Eugene at 6:45 a.m. for the drive to Willamette Pass. All available clothes were donned to begin the ski on a snow-packed trail to Rosary Lakes. A compass bearing was taken for the route to Maiden Peak and the climb through unbroken snow began. Skins on the skis were used most of the way up and the final 400 feet were done with boots only on the windblown south ridge to the 7,818-foot summit.

When we arrived at 2:15, the temperature on the summit was 6 degrees and the wind was blowing hard. But the view was exhilarating on this clear cold day. The top was quickly left to find protection from the wind and skis were put on for the descent back to the lakes. Changeable snow conditions made the trip down challenging and fun. A quick glide back to the cars from the lakes completed the trip at 5:45. Cold, but satisfied, skiers were Steve Goins, Harold Thompson and nonmember John Wahlund.

Berley Lakes

February 26, 2006

Leader: John Mowat

X-Ski, 8 miles, 500 ft. (Intermediate)

SEVEN STALWART SAMURAI braved the dreaded pre-March ice on a ski trip to Berley Lakes. A few minutes out from the Santiam Snopark, we found that, indeed, it was rather icy...our skis leaving tiny edge marks as we eased up

the slope. However, once we were on the ridge the going was better and as the day wore on the snow gradually softened into ideal spring skiing conditions. At the col our route went north up the ridge, then took an eastward jog to the PCT and the rock pile, where we took the connector trail north to the junction with the Old Skyline Trail. This route is only slightly longer than the more direct Skyline Trail and considerably more scenic with good views of Jack and Maxwell Butte. From the junction onward the route is well flagged with surveyor's tape and by noon we were at lower Berley Lake for lunch. It was a little cold and windy so we refrained from upper Berley Lake and headed back having a nice run on the Skyline Trail all the way to the cars. Participants: nonmember Paul Murtaugh and Obsidians Richard Hildreth, Sam Miller, John Mowat, Bob Smythe, Chris Stockdale and Susan Sullivan.



Hikes

Salt Creek Falls

June 18, 2005

Leader: Charles Durham

3 miles, 400 ft. ("A")

SIX HIKERS LEFT at 8 a.m. for a "date with nature." Salt Creek is one of my favorite hikes, more challenging in the winter, but with fewer mosquitoes and crowds than in the summer. Our first stop was 286 ft. Salt Creek Falls, which never fail to provide a spectacular show both winter and summer. Next was the famous "Too Much Bear Lake" (we were very happy no bears were around...must have been out for lunch). We did not see the beautiful rhododendrons in bloom, but the other plants and wildflowers were just as grand. We then made our trek down the steep trail for a power lunch and photos at the bottom of the magnificent 100 ft. Diamond Creek Falls. After lunch, with renewed energy and zestfulness, we continued on the hike's return

leg. At the Vivian Lake junction that destination also seemed possible, but with thoughts of blisters and other excuses we all decided to save that hike for another day. Participants: Julie Dorland, Charles Durham, Sherwood Jefferies, Bonnie Richman and nonmembers Abbott Sayre and Deb Tillotson.

Crescent Mountain

June 19, 2005

Leader: George Baitinger
8 miles, 2,200 ft. ("B")

DESPITE REPORTS of heavy thunderstorms in the Cascades, I decided to try the trip anyway. Because it had been a light snow year, the trail was clear all the way to the top. The lack of snow, however, also meant wildflowers in the meadows below the top were not as numerous. As we climbed, the clouds began to gather around the higher mountains. By the time we reached the top, the clouds were all around us, but our mountain was still in the sun. On the descent, thunder could be heard, but we were in the clear all the way back to the cars. Then, on the way back down the McKenzie highway it rained so hard we were forced to pull off the road and stop. Participants: nonmembers Claudia Arias and Mary Fechner; members Ann-Marie Askew, George Baitinger, Anne McLucas, Rich Peevers and Mark Slipp.

Clear Lake/Sahalie & Koosah Falls

July 13, 2005

Leader: Sharon Thomas
8 miles, 400 ft. ("B")

THIS WAS A LOVELY HIKE...easy, with two beautiful waterfalls. Those who had not hiked this trail were especially impressed with the lava on the east side of the lake; the blue, clear beginning of the McKenzie River; and the view of the Three Sisters. We had Register-Guard photographer Brian Wesel and reporter Christina Brooks with us. Look for our classy (?) picture in the Guard's spring Outdoor insert. Participants: Janet Jacobsen, Sherwood Jefferies, Jack and Kathy Lindstrom, Zola Miller, Sue Mombert, Ruth Romoser and Sharon Thomas; and nonmembers Brooks and Wesel.

Maxwell Butte

July 31, 2005

Leader: George Baitinger
10 miles, 2,500 ft. ("C")

THE DAY WAS SUNNY and hot. I had wanted to do this hike while the flowers were in bloom; however, because of the lack of snow this year, even the bear grass was long gone. There was no snow on this mountain at all. Six years previous, I led this hike on the same weekend and, at that time, we lost the trail because of too much snow. Views of the other mountains were unobstructed. Participants: nonmembers Nancy Andrew, Steve Scarich and Amanda Wilson; members George Baitinger, Jim Clarkson, Jim Fritz, Chris Gordon, Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James and Sharon Ritchie.

Benson/Tenas Lakes & Scott Mountain

September 7, 2005

Leader: Sharon Thomas
8 miles, 1,300 ft. ("B")

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY and we had an easy hike to Benson Lake and the group of lakes called Tenas Lakes. After lunch at the largest of the Tenas Lakes we continued on to the moderate hike up Scott Mountain. At the top we were treated to a beautiful view of the Three Sisters, as well as Mt. Bachelor, Broken Top, Three Fingered Jack, Washington, Jefferson and Hood. A very enjoyable day for all.

Participants: nonmembers Marcia Cutler, Paul Flashenberg, Joe Neal, Ellen Sather and Paul Seeman; and members Pat Esch, Sam Houston, Ruth Romoser and Sharon Thomas.

Heceta Head

February 11, 2006

Leader: Ann-Marie Askew
6 miles, 800 ft. ("B")

TWELVE OF US arrived at Washburne State Park mid-morning and walked towards the beach, where we examined a large dead bird we think was a loon. We decided to start our hike inland on the China Creek Trail because the tide would be lower for a beach walk in the afternoon. Enjoying partial sun and a mild temperature, we walked past the beaver-dammed lake, then up and down the spruce forest trail to Heceta Head lighthouse, where we sat in shirt sleeves on the grass to eat lunch. Some of us toured the lighthouse.

Temperatures cooled a bit as we walked back up and down the hill, down the Hobbit Trail to the ocean and, finally, along the beach back to Washburne. It started to drizzle just as we got into our cars. Hikers included Ann-Marie Askew, LaRee Beckley, David and Shelly Call, Joella Ewing, Maggie Gontrum, Bob and Doris Jones, Sue Meyers and Fred Munz. Nonmembers were Judy Clemmons and Tom Musselwhite.

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Heceta Lighthouse from the trail above.

Photo by John Jacobsen

**Layng-Brice Creek
Area Waterfalls
February 22, 2006
Leader: Wayne Deeter
3 miles, 800 ft. ("A")**

THANKS TO JAN for assisting by meeting the main group in Eugene and getting them down to Cottage Grove. And thanks to Barb Revere for driving her "bus," thus minimizing the number of vehicles required.

We were blessed with perfect winter-time weather for this hike. While a bit chilly at first, it warmed to milder temperatures in the afternoon. Our first stop (other than the pit stop at the upper Row River trailhead) was at Wildwood Falls, a small cascade of about 10 or 15 feet height on the Row (rhymes with cow) River. This is a popular summertime swimming area right beside Lower Brice Creek Road. The ice, which had formed around the falls during the cold spell the previous weekend, was still there (as at the other falls visited.)

The next two falls visited were Spirit Falls and Moon Falls... both on Alex Creek, a tributary of Layng Creek. Spirit Falls is about 60' tall and cascades over a bulging rock sticking out into the pool. This hike is little more than a half-mile roundtrip, downhill all the way to the falls, so uphill on the trip out. Moon Falls is twice as tall and drops into terraced pools. We lunched at Moon Falls trailhead sitting in the sunshine (except for Marshall who had been so excited about visiting the Cottage Restaurant he forgot to read the rest of the trip description).

We then drove around to Brice Creek and up to the Parker Falls trailhead for



the longest little hike of the day -- a mile and a half round-trip to Lower and Upper Parker Falls. The lower falls is about 35' tall with a pair of side-by-side cascades. Below the main falls are a series of smaller cascades and basins. The upper falls is less spectacular as it's not anywhere near vertical—just water flowing over a steep rock slope. It made for a pleasant stop, as it was the sunniest of all the falls. We finished off the trip with a stop at the Cottage Restaurant in Cottage Grove for snacks.

Participants included nonmembers Zella Andreski, Barbara Norregaard and Julia Richardson; and Obsidians Wayne Deeter, Paul Flashenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Sherwood Jefferies, Marshall Kandell and Barb Revere.

Note: This hike will be offered again, led by Jane Hackett and Janet Jacobsen, on Friday April 21.

Opposite Page:

Spirit Falls, top; leader Wayne Deeter going that extra step. Photos by Barb Revere.

This Page:

Happy hikers enjoying the beauty of the waterfalls, right; photo by Barb Revere. Below, ice sculpture by Mother Nature at Parker Falls; photo by prospective member Zella Andreski.





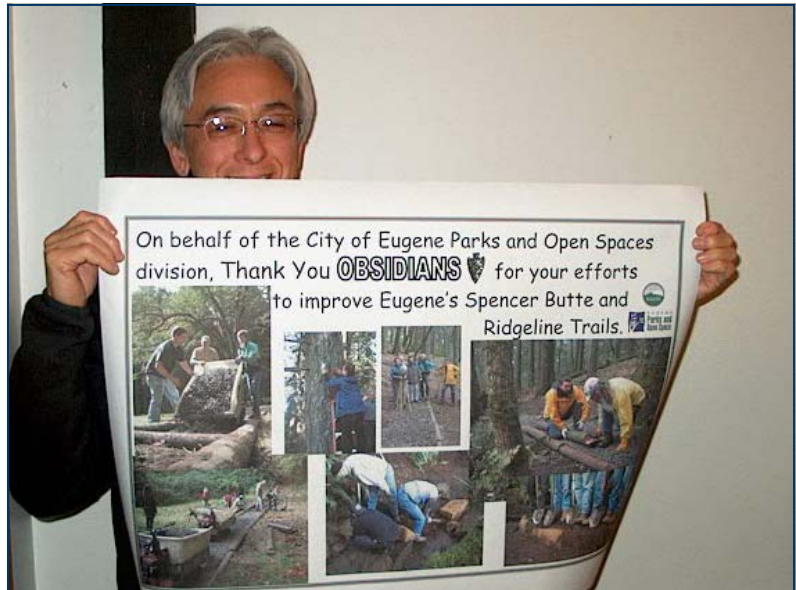
Trail Maintenance

Trail Maintenance
Spencer Butte Park
January 22, 2006
Leader: Peter Asai

THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE outing was on a beautiful Sunday morning, the first real relief from weeks of rain and overcast. This continues our unbroken run of good weather for the past year of these outings. Nine intrepid volunteers met with Eugene Parks Volunteer Coordinator Matt McRae at 9 a.m. We loaded up bags of mortar, jugs of water, hammers, brushes, spatulas and determination and set out to begin building a system of rock cairns to mark the trail from the tree line to the summit.

Matt gave us a whirlwind course in cairn building, using the native materials abundantly available. Breaking into three teams, we proceeded to each construct a mortar reinforced cairn. Finding the right rocks to fit together in a solid construction was more challenging than we expected. We did manage to get three cairns finished and a supply of rocks collected, a good start for what is clearly going to be a multi-trip endeavor.

This project will provide a marked trail and, hopefully, begin to reduce the environmental impact on the summit area, as well as assist people in finding the route down. Working this day were Obsidians Rick Ahrens, Peter Asai, LaRee Beckley, John Cooper, Joella Ewing, Gary Kirk, Scott Youngblood and his daughter Gatlin; and non-members Tom



Peter Asai holding (hiding behind?) "Thank You" poster presented by the Eugene Parks Department to the Obsidians for the work the Trail Maintenance Committee has done on the Ridgeline Trail.


Musselwhite and Matt, from the Disciples of Dirt trail bike club.

Update: Matt McRae reports that one week after starting this project, two out of

three cairns constructed had been destroyed, presumably by idiots or other anti-cairn hikers. Back to the drawing board.

Happy Birthday Bep

"I took this photo of Bep Fontana (center) on the summit of Pisgah when he did his 90th birthday hike on Feb 10th," said Gary Kirk. "I think his birthday is really the 9th of Feb., but who's counting."



Pat Bitner: A Whale of a Tale

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few oases of this desert land. We saw lots of orioles, hummers, etc., where trees and foliage exist. And no wonder, the 70 degree temperature should please any bird.

Sad Legacy of the Shrimpers

JOHN STEINBECK made a two-month marine life specimen gathering odyssey through the waters of the Baja in 1940. He writes in his book, *The Log From the Sea of Cortez*, that Japanese factory fishing for shrimp was engaged in scraping everything living off the bottom of the Gulf of California at that time. And it hasn't stopped, although the

poachers now work illegally at night. The shrimp are retained, everything else which comes up in their nets are discarded to die. On a day at a lovely beach near La Paz, we found a sad sort of necklace of dead and dying puffer fish all along the water line, their air sacs distended -- pulled up to the surface too suddenly to survive from the depths where they live and discarded by the shrimp poachers of the night before.

Recommended reading: *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*, John Steinbeck, 1941; *Almost an Island, Travels in Baja California*, Bruce Berger, 1998

Trip Sampler

BARB REVERE has looked over upcoming trips and selected a few for special mention. If you are leading a trip and would like us to know why you think it will offer something special, email us: bulletin@obsidians.org.

Tuesday, March 14 -- Mt. Pisgah Sunset and Moonrise -- A familiar route at an unusual time of day. Join Royal Murdock on this 3-mile, 1,000-foot hike up Mt. Pisgah to watch this heavenly spectacle. Bring a jacket and a light as the temperature falls rapidly after the sun disappears and the trail is dark on the return trip.

Sunday, March 19 -- Gillespie Butte - Many of Eugene's pioneers are buried at the top of Gillespie Butte in a little-known cemetery. Last spring, Janet Jacobsen had a large crowd for this pleasant urban walk and all marveled at the abundance of magenta shooting stars popping up in the grass. Starting at Valley River Center, this hike is 3 miles and gains 100 ft.

Saturday, March 25 -- Indian Ridge Lookout -- On a clear day in Eugene you can see forever...well, Indian Ridge, anyway. Brian Hoyland will lead this advanced 12-mile cross-country ski trip up to Indian Ridge in the Lowell Ranger District's Fall Creek drainage...“one of the skyline ridges visible from town on a clear day,” says Brian. “There is a long history of Native American activity in this area, but most folks in Eugene don't know of it.” Indian Ridge is a great alternative to driving to the high Cascades. This trip is sure to be a favorite because of the steep back roads trekkers fly down on the return.

Monday, March 27--Lower McKenzie River/Belknap -- Come with me on LTD Bus #91 -- called the “best bargain in the Valley”-- for a 100-mile roundtrip ride (just \$2.50!) to McKenzie Bridge Ranger Station, where we'll begin this 8-mile “B” hike along the river to Belknap Hot Springs Resort. Pack a lunch...and a bathing

suit! We'll have lunch, then a hot pool soak before catching the bus back to town.

Wednesday, March 29 -- Larison Rock--A lovely view of the high Cascades awaits you at the end of Janet Jacobsen's trek to this rocky summit south of Oakridge. The trail climbs 2,400 ft. on this 9.4-mile trip -- so wear sturdy boots and bring lots of high-energy snacks, zeal and determination.

Saturday, April 1 -- Deetering Orchard -- This 35-mile bike ride west of Eugene, led by Sharon Ritchie, winds through some of the most scenic farmland in the Willamette Valley. Spring will be in full evidence in both wild and cultivated flowers along this route. A good conditioning ride, this trip will get your bike-riding season off to a great start.

Same Day -- Ridgeline Trail, Blanton Heights to Spring Street -- One of Eugene's greatest resources for hikers who want to stay in shape all winter, this south Eugene trail is great in spring when the forest is dotted with wildflowers. Janet Jacobsen plans to explore the full 5.6-mile length. Though the trail winds through south hills neighborhoods and is never far from roads and houses, it has a distinct wilderness feel.

Sunday, April 2 -- Willamette Valley Refuge -- We were unable to confer with leader Rick Ahrens about the destination of this trip, but if you've ever been on one of Rick's trips, you don't have to be sold. Rick knows birds, plants, insects -- and humor, too. You're sure to come away enriched.

Friday, April, 7 -- Siltcoos River/Carter Lake -- Kingfishers, herons, egrets and osprey struggle for their daily existence along this stretch of the Siltcoos River. Join Sheila Ward on this perennial favorite and witness the drama. A variety of coastal ecosystems await. The beach is prime nesting terrain for snowy plover. Sheila, it is said, is notoriously lucky with weather, but pack your parka anyway. (5.5 miles, 100 ft. “B”)

Saturday, April 8--North Bank Deer Preserve-- The Cascades are still covered with snow but the low elevation level of this hike will likely sport some early wildflowers. Leader John Jacobsen reports that last year hikers were rewarded with hundreds of large madrones in full bloom! This 6.7 mile walk covers the rolling, grassy hills — a 1,200 ft. total elevation gain — of a 10 square mile preserve north east of Roseburg. If it is too early for flowers this year, keep a sharp eye out for the rare Columbia white-tail deer the preserve was created to protect.

Sunday, April 9 -- Larison Creek -- Join Lynda Christiansen on this 10-mile walk near Hills Creek Reservoir. The trail gradually climbs 700 ft. from Larison Cove, along Larison Creek, through a cool green canyon and an old growth area. Watch for trillium, oxalis, rhododendron and other early spring blooms along the mossy forest floor.

Friday, April 14 -- Three Mile Lake - Also known as “Tahkenitch Dunes Trail,” this seven mile (“B”) hike (600 ft. elevation gain) has something for everyone. Jane Hackett leads this trip, which boasts deep forest, sand dunes, coastal swamp, creek, surf and beach. You'll view narrow Three Mile Lake cradled between dunes; and, yes, it is three miles long. In recent years, bear scat and tracks have been spotted.

Sunday, April 16---Kentucky Falls -- Not one, not two, but three world class waterfalls in just four miles (500 ft. elev. gain). And all for the low, low price of just one dollar for members! I'll lead this trip into the deep woods of the Coast Range to see Upper and Lower Kentucky Falls and North Fork Falls -- and look for the first of the wildflower crop of 2006 along the way.

Monday, April 17, Urban Wildlife Hike -- Lana Lindstrom will lead this one mile (“A”) urban walk along with naturalist volunteer Dave Walp. You'll explore backyards, parks and ponds in a full day outing that is guaranteed to be “interesting, informative and fun”.

Conservation Committee Plans Exciting Events and Hikes

THE CONSERVATION Committee invites everyone to participate in the **Great Oregon Beach Cleanup** on **March 25th**. Oregon held the first beach cleanup in the nation in 1984 and this good idea has spread to most other states and territories, as well as to other countries. "Please join in!" urges Committee Chair Judy Newman. "We will meet at Shopko on W. 11th at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to Carl Washburne State Park for the cleanup from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The aim is to work on the section Obsidians frequently hike from Washburn State Park to where the Hobbit Trail emerges onto the beach, "but we will work south or north as needed," adds Judy. Bring suitable clothing, rubber gloves (or other hand protection), water and a snack. There will be a stop for lunch on the way home at AlphaBit in Mapleton. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the YMCA or call Judy for details at 747-2001.

Conservation Hikes

Two Conservation Committee hikes are planned in April and May to local land trust areas. On **Saturday, April 22**, Obsidians will visit the Willow Creek Preserve, part of the West Eugene Wetlands. Matt Benotsch, Willamette Valley stewardship coordinator for the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, will lead us through the major parts of the preserve, observing wildflowers, birds and native grasses. The endangered Fender's blue butterfly lives in parts of the preserve and, although it most likely will not be out and flying yet, Matt will show us its habitat and talk about it. More information at www.nature.org/oregon.

The next conservation hike will be to Green Island, at the

confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers on **Saturday, May 20**. Joe Moll, the McKenzie River Trust executive director, will escort hike participants around the 865-acre property, which was secured by the trust in 2003. Joe will discuss some of the habitats, restoration projects and river views. This is only the second Obsidians hike to visit the island. More information:

www.mckenzieriver.org.

Each hike is limited to 20 participants. For more information contact Margot Fetz at 687-0733

"Sometimes I wonder if Lewis and Clark shouldn't have been made to file an environmental impact study before they started west, and Columbus before he ever sailed. They might never have got their permits. But then we wouldn't have been here to learn from our mistakes, either. I really only want to say that we may love a place and still be dangerous to it. We ought to file that environmental impact study before we undertake anything that exploits or alters or endangers the splendid, spacious, varied, magnificent, and terribly fragile earth that supports us. If we can't find an appropriate government agency with which to file it, we can file it where an Indian would have filed it -- with our environmental conscience, our slowly maturing sense that the earth is indeed our mother, worthy of our love and deserving of our care. That may be the last stage of our adaptation to the western landscape, and it may come too late."

Events at Mt. Pisgah

For information about and registration for the following events, call: 747-1504. References to member and nonmember fees refer to Arboretum membership, not Obsidian membership.

SPRING EQUINOX Nature Readings, Monday, March 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Honor the equinox and share the beauty of the written word. Bring your own writings, works by your favorite authors and poets; or just come to listen. Snacks and drinks provided. Meet in the arboretum visitor center. Donation: \$2.

SINGLES HIKE, Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Join Arboretum Education Director Fran Rosenthal on a hike for outdoor-loving singles of all ages. Enjoy the arboretum's wildflowers. Trilliums, fawn lilies, camas and bleeding hearts appear this time of year. After the hike, enjoy warm drinks and snacks. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Donation: \$4.

EAT YOUR WEEDS! Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Herbalist Sue Sierralupé leads students through nature's grocery

store. Participants will collect and prepare edible plants. Class time includes a guided walk discussing characteristics of edible plants, sustainable harvesting techniques and what not to eat. Copies of recipes provided. Fee: \$30 (\$25 MPA members.) Class size limited.

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING AND WORK PARTY. Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Celebrate trees, maintain trails, restore habitats or work in the wildflower garden. We will honor the "White Oak Savannah," chosen for the arboretum's annual ecological theme, by planting Oregon white oak tree seedlings.

SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK, "Wildflowers for Dummies." Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.-noon. Join Chandra LeGue and Julie Polhemus on this beginner's walk identifying the arboretum's many species of wildflowers. Meet at the visitor center, rain or shine. Donation: \$3.

WILDFLOWERS ELDER WALK (55+). Friday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join nature guide Harold Schyberg on a walk along the river trail and water garden to see the splendor of the arboretum's wildflowers. Refreshments provided. Donation: \$4. Meet at the visitor center, rain or shine.



Obsidian 2006 Activities Schedule

Current as of March 3, 2006

Sign up to go on Winter/Summer Trips and Climbs at the Eugene YMCA, 2055 Patterson Street.

This schedule is subject to change. Check our website, www.obsidians.org, or contact the following for the latest scheduling information. **Summer Trips:** Margaret Prentice - 687-5850 - summertrips@obsidians.org; **Climbs:** Doug Nelson - 746-6774 - climbs@obsidians.org; **Winter Trips:** Bill Johnson - 746-1513 - wintertrips@obsidians.org; **By-Ways-By Bus:** Liz Reanier - 687-1925 - bustrips@obsidians.org

January 2006

- 2 Mon—Redtop Mtn, XSKI 8m Adv, SSullivan
- 7 Sat—Midnight Lk, XSKI 6m AdvBeg, SLarsen
- 8 Sun—Midnight Lk, XSKI 6m AdvBeg, LFunkhouser
- 8 Sun—Redtop Mtn, XSKI 8m Adv, GSayre
- 14 Sat—Salt Crk Fls, SS 4m Beg, BBrun
- 14 Sat—Square Lk, XSKI 12m Adv, MSlipp
- 15 Sun—Midnight Lk, SS 6m Int, CRenkert
- 15 Sun—Sand Mtn traverse, XSKI 9m Adv, SMiller
- 18 Wed—Amazon Headwaters Tr, Hike 4m A, MPrentice
- 19 Thu—Willamette Pass, DHill, PMathes
- 21 Sat—Abernethy Road, XSKI 10m Adv, BJohnson
- 21 Sat—Ray Benson, XSKI, SLarsen
- 22 Sun—Redtop Mtn, XSKI 8m Adv, JHegg
- 22 Sun—Spencer Butte, Tr Maint, PASai
- 25 Wed—S Shasta Lp, Hike 4m A, RRomoser
- 27 Fri—New Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades—Sullivan, Potluck
- 28 Sat—Marilyn Lks, SS 4m AdvBeg, SHovis
- 29 Sun—Rosary Lks, XSKI 7m Int, DMCCarty

February 2006

- 4 Sat—Bechtel Shelter, SS 4m Beg, MCamp
- 4 Sat—Fawn Lk, XSKI 7m Int, BHuntley
- 4 Sat—Fuji Shelter, SS 11m Adv, SHovis
- 5 Sun—Midnight Lk, XSKI 6m AdvBeg, DJeffcott
- 11 Sat—Hobbit Tr, Hike 6m B, AAskew
- 12 Sun—Gold Lk, SS 4m Beg, SHoeg
- 18 Sat—Maiden Pk, XSKI 12m Adv, HThompson
- 18 Sat—Salt Crk Fls, SS 4m Beg, SHoeg
- 18 Sat—Square Lk, XSKI 5m Int, JPegg
- 19 Sun—Fawn Lk, XSKI 7m Int, DJeffcott
- 19 Sun—Gold Butte Lookout, XSKI 8m Adv, KMcManigal
- 22 Wed—Spirit and Moon Fls, Hike 5m A, WDeeter
- 24 Fri—Summer Camp Rally, Potluck
- 25 Sat—Sardine Butte, XSKI 8m Adv, BHOyland
- 26 Sun—Berley Lks, XSKI 8m Int, JMowat
- 26 Sun—Spencer Butte, Tr Maint, PASai

March 2006

- 4 Sat—Salt Crk Fls, SS 4m Beg, JPierce (344-1775)
- 4 Sat—W Eugene Wetlands, Hike 6m A, CCunningham (344-0486)
- 5 Sun—Gold Lk area, SS 6m Int, JAgnew (484-5725)
- 11 Sat—Trestle Crk Fls, Hike 4m 1000' A, AAskew (687-1659)
- 14 Tue—Mt Pisgah sunset, Hike 3m 1000' A, RMurdock (345-8305)
- 18 Sat—McDonald Forest, Hike 10m 1200' B, RHansen (747-2529)
- 18 Sat—Sand Mtn bushwhack, XSKI 10m Adv, BJohnson (746-1513)
- 19 Sun—Gillespie Butte, Hike 3m 100' A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 24 Fri—Rioja Region of Spain—Reuls, Potluck
- 25 Sat—Eula Ridge, Hike 8m 3300' C, RRomm (484-5214)
- 25 Sat—Great Oregon Beach Cleanup, Tr Maint, JNewman (747-2001)
- 25 Sat—Indian Ridge Lookout, XSKI 12m Adv, BHOyland (338-9881)
- 27 Mon—Lower McK Rvr Tr, Hike 8m 200' B, BRevere (726-4989)
- 29 Wed—Larison Rock, Hike 9.4m 2400' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)

April 2006

- 1 Sat—Deetering Orchard, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 1-2 Sat—Sun—Maiden Pk Shelter, XSKI 12m Adv, BJohnson (746-1513)
- 1 Sat—Ridgeline Tr, Hike 5.6m 1450' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 2 Sun—Willamette Valley refuges, Hike A, RAhrens (689-3996)
- 5 Wed—Doris Ranch Park, Hike 6m A, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 6 Thu—Historic Homes of Eugene, Bus, MWest (343-5492)
- 7 Fri—Siltcoos Rvr-Carter Lk Dunes, Hike 5.5m B, SWard (686-5679)
- 8 Sat—N Bank Deer Preserve, Hike 6.7m 1200' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 9 Sun—Larison Crk, Hike 10m 700' B, LChristiansen (687-8379)
- 10 Mon—Leaders Meeting, Workshop, JJacobsen (343-8030)
- 11 Tue—Eugene Wetlands, Hike 6m A, MKerins (484-2305)
- 12 Wed—Alton Baker bike tr, Hike 4m A, RRomoser (726-8154)
- 12 Wed—Cape Perpetua, Hike 4.2m 600' A, DCall (954-7733)
- 13 Thu—Mt Pisgah sunrise, Hike 3m 1000' A, RMurdock (345-8305)
- 14 Fri—Threemile Lk, Hike 7m 400' B, JHackett (984-0049)
- 15 Sat—Alsea, Hike 4.8m 400' A, SJefferies (925-3732)
- 15 Sat—Orchard Pt, Bike 30m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 16 Sun—Kentucky Fls, Hike 4.4m 800' A, BRevere (726-4989)
- 17 Mon—Urban Wildlife, Field Trip 1m A, LLindstrom (683-1409)
- 18 Tue—Meet Mother of Meriwether Lewis, Bus, RJensen (345-5366)
- 19 Wed—Ridgeline Tr, Hike/Tr Maint 7m 300' B, LDunlap (686-6745)

- 20 Thu—Basic Mountaineering; rock: April 20,22,23; snow: April 27,29, Class, GBaitinger (344-9345)
- 20 Thu—Mt Pisgah, Hike 4.5m 1000' A, MHansen (343-5114)
- 21 Fri—Moon, Spirit, Parker Fls, Hike 3.3m 800' A, JHackett (984-0049)
- 22 Sat—Castle Rock, Hike 11m 2600' C, ACoons (687-9741)
- 22 Sat—Old Baldy, Hike 6m 1500' B, GKirk (683-7033)
- 22 Sat—Willow Crk Preserve, Walk 4m A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 23 Sun—Little N Santiam Rvr, Hike 5m 900' A, DMClurg (746-9478)
- 23 Sun—Tamolitch Pool, Hike 4.2m 200' A, BRevere (726-4989)
- 24 Mon—Fern Ridge evening wildlife (6 PM), Hike A, RAhrens (689-3996)
- 25 Tue—Willamette Rvr bike path, Bike/Bird 14m A, AMontgomery (688-7025)
- 28 Fri—Heceta Head, Hike 4.5m, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 28 Fri—Joy of Birds—Dan Gleason, Potluck
- 29 Sat—Brice Crk Tr, Hike 6m B, JLedet (683-2603)
- 29 Sat—FI Crk, Hike 9m 700' B, ENeth (484-6210)
- 29 Sat—McK View Drive, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 30 Sun—Sweet Crk-Beaver Crk Fls, Hike 5.2m 650' B, CPetty (935-2088)

May 2006

- 2 Tue—Thompsons Grist Mill, Bus, MWest (343-5492)
- 3 Wed—S Shasta Lp, Hike 4m A, JAgnew (484-5725)
- 6 Sat—Fairgrounds to Crow, Bike 35m B, CWagar (543-1489)
- 6-7 Sat—Sun—Mt Hood, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 6 Sat—Opal Crk, Hike 7.1m 200' B, PSuttmeier (485-4633)
- 7 Sun—Patterson Mtn, Hike 4.6m 600' A, BBrun (485-7285)
- 7 Sun—TBA, Hike B, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 9 Tue—Mt Tom, Hike 6m 2000' B, CHiggins (995-8060)
- 10 Wed—Ridgeline Tr, Hike 5m 1200' B, DJeffcott (344-6447)
- 12 Fri—Mt Pisgah sunset, Hike 3m 1000' A, RMurdock (345-8305)
- 12 Fri—Tahkenitch Dunes lp, Hike 6.5m B, SWard (686-5679)
- 13 Sat—Animal Tracks and Signs, Field Trip 3m 200' A, LLindstrom (683-1409)
- 13 Sat—Diamond Pk (grad climb), Climb, BHamilton (343-6550)
- 13 Sat—FI Crk, Hike 5.8m 200' B, MWelches (345-2056)
- 13 Sat—French Pete, Hike, SHovis (345-7788)
- 13 Sat—Junction City-Bellfountain Park, Bike 40m B, JSanders (485-2944)
- 13-14 Sat—Sun—Mt Hood, Climb, JPegg (343-0909)
- 13 Sat—N Fork Willamette, Hike 5.6m 400' B, WDolliver (345-2975)
- 14 Sun—N Bank Deer Preserve, Hike 10m 1300' C, CStockdale (767-3668)
- 14 Sun—Tire Mtn, Hike 7.6m 800' B, DMClurg (746-9478)
- 16 Tue—Alton Baker bike tr, Hike 5m A, RRomoser (726-8154)
- 19 Fri—Rose House: A Net-Zero Energy Home—Haines, Rose, Potluck
- 19 Fri—Yachats-Waldport, Hike 7m B, BWilliams (683-5312)
- 20-Jun 21 Sat—Wed—Diamond Pk, Climb/ski, GSayer
- 20 Sat—Green Island, Walk 4m A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 20 Sat—Little N Santiam Rvr, Hike 9m 900' B, DChristensen (343-8941)
- 20 Sat—Sahalie Fls, Koosah, Hike 9m 400' B, DDelaby (688-4978)
- 20 Sat—The Twins, XSKI 8m Int, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 20 Sat—Veneta City Park, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 21 Sun—Koosah Fls Sahalie Fls lp, Hike 5m A, JCooper (344-8517)
- 22 Mon—Practical First Aid for Leaders, Workshop, LDunlap (686-6745)
- 23 Tue—Finding the Lost County of Umpqua, Bus, RJensen (345-5366)
- 27 Sat—Devils Den, Hike 5m 900' C, WDeeter (942-0824)
- 27-29 Sat—Mon—Middle Sister, Climb/ski, JManotti (342-5357)
- 27 Sat—Three Sisters Traverse, XSKI 35m Adv, KMcManigal (1-503-635-9973)
- 28 Sun—Clear Lk, Hike 8m 500' B, GBaitinger (344-9345)
- 28 Sun—Heceta Head, Hike 6m 500' B, AMcLucas (485-5608)

June 2006

- 2 Fri—Dorris Ranch, Walk 5m A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 3 Sat—Broken Top Crater, XSKI 12m Adv, DHildreth (345-7520)
- 3 Sat—Camp Crk Road, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
- 3 Sat—Dog Mtn, Hike 7m 2900' C, BBlumm (343-8830)
- 3 Sat—Fern Ridge bike path, Bike 24m A, KRiddle (684-4030)
- 3 Sat—Nat'l Trs Day Trs Maintenance, Tr Maint, PASai (933-3927)
- 3 Sat—Tire Mtn, Hike 7.6m 800' B, SLarsen (687-2589)
- 4 Sun—Castle Rock, Hike 5m 1100' B, BRevere (726-4989)
- 4 Sun—around Mt Pisgah, Hike 7m B, RAhrens (689-3996)
- 5 Mon—Alpine Tr, Hike 8m 800' B, PFlaschenberg (461-1977)
- 5-11 Mon—Sun—Lassen and Yosemite Natl Parks, Bus, JSpeelman (344-3019)
- 6 Tue—Willamette Rvr, Walk 4m A, MFetz (687-0733)
- 7 Wed—Alton Baker bike tr, Hike 6m B, RRomoser (726-8154)
- 7 Wed—N Fork Middle Fork Willamette, Hike 11m C, MClarkson (334-6883)
- 10 Sat—Cooks Ridge, Hike 6.5m 1200' B, PGraham (933-1612)
- 10 Sat—Kentucky Fls, Hike 4.4m 800' A, JDorland (484-0280)
- 10-11 Sat—Sun—Smith Rock, Climb, DNelson (746-6774)
- 10 Sat—The Twins, Hike 6.6m 1600' B, LHuff (915-9071)
- 11 Sun—Deception Butte, Hike 8m 2600' C, LChristiansen (687-8379)

11 Sun—**Luckiamute-Monmouth**, Bike 40m 600' B, RHughes (683-1409)
 13 Tue—**Gwynn Crk**, Hike 6.2m 1100' B, CHiggins (995-8060)
 14 Wed—**Washburne-China Crk Lp**, Hike 5m 400' A, MKandell (345-8095)
 15 Thu—**Siltcoos Rvr-Carter Lk Dunes**, Hike 5.5m B, SWard (686-5679)
 16 Fri—**Hiking the Pacific Crest Tr—Rob Rathmann**, Potluck
 17 Sat—**Hinman Vineyards**, Bike 38m 400' B, LDunlap (686-6745)
 17 Sat—**Rosary Lks**, Hike 9m 800' B, DDelaby (688-4978)
 17-18 Sat—Sun—**S Sister via Prouty Glacier**, Climb, MSlipp (1-503-582-1100)
 17 Sat—**Sweet Crk Fls**, Hike 5m 650' A, CCunningham (344-0486)
 17 Sat—**Tire Mtn**, Hike 8m 800' B, ACoons (687-9741)
 18 Sun—**Adams Mtn**, Hike 11m 2400' C, CStockdale (767-3668)
 18 Sun—**Aufderheide Drive**, Bike 40m 800' B, RHughes (683-1409)
 18 Sun—**Battle Ax**, Hike 5.6m 1600' B, BHuntley (687-1823)
 20 Tue—**Yaquina Head Birds**, Bus, RAhrens (689-3996)
 21 Wed—**Bohemia Mtn**, Hike 3m 800' A, WDeeter (942-0824)
 22 Thu—**Crevasse Rescue class; field June 24-25**, Class, SSullivan (342-6546)
 22 Thu—**U of O Campus**, Hike 3m A, RHeinzkill (343-8367)
 24 Sat—**Cone Pk-Iron Mtn**, Hike 8m 1900' B, ACoons (687-9741)
 24 Sat—**Rebel Rock Lp**, Hike 14m 3000' C, ELovegren (343-1432)
 24 Sat—**Willamette Valley Lp**, Bike 42m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
 25 Sun—**Canyon Crk Meadows**, Hike 7m 1400' B, AMcLucas (485-5608)
 25 Sun—**Duffy Lk**, Hike 6.6m 800' B, KRusow (744-7990)
 26-Jul 6 Mon—Thu—**Camp Deetour**, Summer Camp, LLindstrom (683-1409)
 28 Wed—**Tidbits Mtn**, Hike 4m 1100' B, SMiller (484-4586)

July 2006

1 Sat—**Larison Rock**, Hike 7m 2300' B, RWood (954-3406)
 1-3 Sat—Mon—**Mt Jefferson**, Climb, KBall (895-3626)
 1 Sat—**S Sister**, Climb, BHamilton (343-6550)
 8 Sat—**Cone Pk-S Pk**, Hike 12m 2500' C, SHunt (912-2201)
 8 Sat—**Diamond View Lk**, Hike 10m 1000' B, WDolliver (345-2975)
 8 Sat—**Larison Crk**, Hike 6m 200' B, MWelches (345-2056)
 9 Sun—**Santiam Lk**, Hike 11m 717' C, J Terry (345-0720)
 9 Sun—**Youngs Rock and Moon Pt**, Hike 5m 1500' B, DMcClurg (746-9478)
 10 Mon—**Mt Pisgah sunset**, Hike 3m 1000' A, RMurdoch (345-8305)
 11-13 Tue—Thu—**Blacklock Pt**, BP, SHovis (345-7788)
 12 Wed—**Metolius Rvr**, Hike 5.4m 100' B, SThomas (747-1623)
 12 Wed—**Wildlife Images**, Bus, RJensen (345-5366)
 13 Thu—**Eagles Rest**, Hike 5m 1422' B, MHansen (343-5114)
 15 Sat—**Lowder Mtn**, Hike 5.6m 900' B, DJeffcott (344-6447)
 15 Sat—**McK waterfalls**, Hike 7m 600' B, ELichtenstein (683-0688)
 15-16 Sat—Sun—**Mt Thielsen**, Climb, VLamb (343-6845)
 15 Sat—**Salt Crk Fls**, Hike 3.4m 400' A, CDurham (687-0885)
 15 Sat—**Scio Covered Bridges**, Bike 45m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
 16 Sun—**Browder Ridge**, Hike 6.2m 1550' B, BHamilton (343-6550)
 16 Sun—**Cowhorn Mtn**, Hike 9.4m 1900' C, JJacobsen (343-8030)
 16 Sun—**Fuji Mtn**, Hike 3m 950' A, RWood (954-3406)
 16 Sun—**Marcola**, Bike 15.4m A, GStrahon (434-1911)
 17 Mon—**Duffy Lk**, Hike 7m 800' B, BRevere (726-4989)
 19 Wed—**Lowder Mtn**, Hike 5.6m 900' B, JDuncan (343-8079)
 21-23 Fri—Sun—**Mt Shasta**, Climb, DSnyder (688-0602)
 22-23 Sat—Sun—**Brice Crk**, Bike/camp 90m, SWolling (345-2110)
 22 Sat—**Obsidian Fls**, Hike 15m 1800' C, SSchriver (345-9573)
 22 Sat—**Rooster Rock**, Hike 6.6m 2300' B, SGunn (686-2031)
 22 Sat—**Upper Cache Crk**, Hike 9m 2000' B, BHoyland (338-9881)
 23 Sun—**Santiam to McK Pass**, Hike 13m 2500' C, BBlumm (343-8830)
 23 Sun—**Yoran Lk**, Hike 10.8m 1300' C, LFunkhouser (206-2303)
 26 Wed—**Four-In-One Cone**, Hike 8.6m 1500' B, AMcLucas (485-5608)
 29 Sat—**Chucksney Mtn**, Hike 10.3m 2000' C, ACoons (687-9741)
 29-30 Sat—Sun—**Mt Adams**, Climb, LHuff (915-9071)
 29-30 Sat—Sun—**N Sister**, Climb, JPegg (343-0909)
 29 Sat—**S Sister (youth)**, Climb, AJobanek (343-8547)
 29 Sat—**Weyerhauser Road**, Bike 40m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
 30 Sun—**Scott Mtn**, Hike 10m 1200' B, GBaitinger (344-9345)
 30 Sun—**Tidbits Mtn**, Hike 4m 1100' B, SHOeg (484-6196)

August 2006

2-3 Wed—Thu—**Golden Lk**, BP 16m C, JFritz (345-0347)
 2-5 Wed—Sat—**Mt Whitney**, Climb, BBlumm (343-8830)
 3-4 Thu—Fri—**S Sister**, Climb, KSaywer
 5 Sat—**Great Oregon Steam-up**, Bus, JMcManigal (345-5366)
 5 Sat—**Mt McLoughlin**, Climb, LHuff (915-9071)
 5 Sat—**Vivian Lk**, Hike 8m 1600' B, JLedet (683-2603)
 8 Tue—**Tam McArthur Rim**, Hike 5m 1200' B, DMcClurg (746-9478)
 10 Thu—**Mt Pisgah**, Hike 4m 1000' A, MHansen (343-5114)
 11-13 Fri—Sun—**Elkhorn Crest**, BP 21m C, BSullivan (683-6837)
 11-13 Fri—Sun—**Jefferson Park**, BP 7m 1800' C, BLipton (736-7498)
 12 Sat—**McK Pass Geology**, Hike 3m A, PRodda (343-3887)
 12-13 Sat—Sun—**Middle Sister**, Climb, DSnyder (688-0602)
 12 Sat—**S Sister**, Climb, LHuff (915-9071)
 12 Sat—**Sweet Crk Fls**, Hike 2.2m 350' A, AAskew (687-1659)
 12 Sat—**Three Fingered Jack (youth)**, Climb, AJobanek (343-8547)
 13 Sun—**Lowder Mtn**, Hike 5.6m 900' B, DJeffcott (344-6447)
 13 Sun—**Rebel Rock Lookout**, Hike 12.3m 3000' C, LFunkhouser (206-2303)
 15 Tue—**Oregon Zoo**, Bus, RAhrens (689-3996)
 17 Thu—**Park Meadow-Golden Lk**, Hike 13m 1200' C, DChristensen (343-8941)
 19 Sat—**Erma Bell Lks**, Hike 8.4m 800' B, JLedet (683-2603)

19 Sat—**Grizzly Pk**, Hike 10m 2700' C, RRomm (484-5214)
 19 Sat—**Lassen Pk—date TBA**, Climb, JPierce (344-1775)
 19 Sat—**Mt Washington**, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
 19 Sat—**Tahkenitch Dunes**, Hike 6.5m B, MCamp (221-1866)
 20 Sun—**Lillian Fls and Klovdahl Bay**, Hike 7.6m 2200' B, SHOeg (484-6196)
 22 Tue—**Fuji Mtn**, Hike 3m 950' A, RMurdoch (345-8305)
 23 Wed—**Clear Lk to Carmen Lk**, Canoe/Kayak, DCall (954-7733)
 23 Wed—**Patjens Lks**, Hike 6m 400' B, SThomas (747-1623)
 26 Sat—**Brice Crk**, Hike 5.5m 600' B, MWelches (345-2056)
 26-27 Sat—Sun—**N Sister via NW Ridge**, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
 26 Sat—**Richardson Park**, Bike 35m B, SRitchie (342-8435)
 26 Sat—**Scott Mtn**, Hike 10m 1200' C, DPredeek (345-5531)
 26 Sat—**Windy Lks**, Bike/Hike 13m 2300' C, BHoyland (338-9881)
 27 Sun—**Divide Lk**, Hike 8m 1200' B, LHuff (915-9071)
 30 Wed—**Mt June**, Hike 8m 3000' C, WDeeter (942-0824)
 31 Thu—**Rigdon Lks**, Hike 8m 200' B, MPrentice (687-5850)

September 2006

1 Fri—**Little Brother**, Hike 12m 3000' C, DQuirk (686-3027)
 3 Sun—**Hand Lk-Scott Lk**, Hike 4.8m A, MWest (343-5492)
 3 Sun—**Opie Dilldock Pass**, Hike 14m 2000' C, RRomm (484-5214)
 4 Mon—**Eagles Rest**, Hike 5m 1422' B, MHansen (343-5114)
 6 Wed—**Tam McArthur Rim**, Hike 5m 1200' B, SThomas (747-1623)
 7 Thu—**Maxwell Butte**, Hike 9.6m 2500' C, JClarkson (334-6883)
 7 Thu—**Tipso**, Hike 6.2m 1784' B, JHackett (984-0049)
 8 Fri—**Crater Lk hikes**, Hike 8m 2000' B, JJacobsen (343-8030)
 9 Sat—**Collier Cone**, Hike 12m 3000' C, LHuff (915-9071)
 9 Sat—**Drift Crk**, Hike 8m 1400' B, BLipton (736-7498)
 9 Sat—**Mt Thielsen**, Climb, BHoyland (338-9881)
 9 Sat—**Red Butte**, Hike 11.8m 1800' C, DHildreth (345-7520)
 9 Sat—**Rosary Lks**, Hike 7m 800' B, JDorland (484-0280)
 9 Sat—**The Twins**, Hike 6.6m 1600' B, TWoxell (485-7384)
 10 Sun—**Four-In-One Cone**, Hike 8.6m 1500' B, CTucker (344-8371)
 10 Sun—**Hell Hole**, Hike 3m 300' B, BHuntley (687-1823)
 10 Sun—**Jefferson Park**, Hike 10.2m 1800' C, LFunkhouser (206-2303)
 10 Sun—**Marie-Rockpile Lks**, Hike, SHovis (345-7788)
 10 Sun—**Tam McArthur Rim**, Hike 6m 1500' B, RVoas (767-0178)
 11-13 Mon—Wed—**SW Oregon**, Bus, BBeard
 13 Wed—**Spencer Butte**, Hike 4m 1000' A, LBeckley (338-8520)
 14 Thu—**Rigdon-Wahanna Lks Lp**, Hike 12m 300' C, DChristensen (343-8941)
 15 Fri—**Vivian Lk**, Hike 8m 1600' B, DJeffcott (344-6447)
 16 Sat—**Black Crater**, Hike 7.5m 2500' B, JBaer (431-0767)
 16 Sat—**Diamond Pk**, Climb, LHuff (915-9071)
 16 Sat—**Matthieu Lks**, Hike 6m 800' B, BSchomaker (485-1378)
 16 Sat—**McK Rvr Tr**, Hike 6m B, CCunningham (344-0486)
 17 Sun—**Indigo Springs**, Hike 6.3m 400' B, JDuncan (343-8079)
 17 Sun—**Mt McLoughlin via W**, Climb, WDeeter (942-0824)
 17 Sun—**Olallie Mtn**, Hike 7.2m 1200' B, MPerrin (485-8957)
 17 Sun—**Three Pyramids**, Hike 6m 1800' B, JHackett (984-0049)
 19 Tue—**Divide Lk**, Hike 8m 1200' B, MClarkson (334-6883)
 23 Sat—**Camp Crk Road**, Bike 35m C, SRitchie (342-8435)
 23 Sat—**Erma Bell-Otter Lks Lp**, Hike 8m 400' B, BRevere (726-4989)
 23 Sat—**Mt Pisgah times two**, Hike 7m 2000' B, JHall (342-6779)
 23 Sat—**Vivian Lk**, Hike 7m 500' B, WDolliver (345-2975)
 24 Sun—**Bohemia Mtn**, Hike 3m 800' A, SJefferies (925-3732)
 24 Sun—**Maiden Pk**, Hike 11.6m 2900' C, DMcCarty (342-6962)
 24 Sun—**S Sister**, Climb, BBlumm (343-8830)
 30 Sat—**Canyon Crk Meadows**, Hike 7.5m 1400' B, PAdams (746-2204)
 30-Oct 1 Sat—Sun—**Mt Hubris (rock climb)**, Climb, MReiter (521-8472)
 30 Sat—**Ridgeline Tr**, Hike, BRevere (726-4989)

October 2006

1 Sun—**Black Meadow**, Hike, SHovis (345-7788)
 1 Sun—**Bunchgrass Ridge**, Hike 12m C, CStockdale (767-3668)
 1 Sun—**Snow Crk**, Hike 8m B, JHackett (984-0049)
 3 Tue—**Mt Hood**, Bus, BPayne (746-1964)
 7 Sat—**Eugene Walking Tour**, Hike 8m B, JHall (342-6779)
 7 Sat—**TBA**, Bike, DNelson (746-6774)
 8 Sun—**Eel Crk**, Hike 6m B, BHuntley (687-1823)
 8 Sun—**Lakeview Mtn**, Hike 12m 2500' C, GBaitinger (344-9345)
 12 Thu—**Siltcoos Rvr-Carter Lk Dunes**, Hike 5.5m B, SWard (686-5679)
 13 Fri—**Aubrey-Heckletooth Mtn Lp**, Hike 8m 1500' B, PMathes (485-1356)
 14 Sat—**Cape Perpetua**, Hike 6m B, BMontgomery (736-8955)
 15 Sun—**Belknap Crater**, Hike 8.5m 1670' C, JJacobsen (343-8030)
 17 Tue—**Fl Color**, Bus, BHack (687-1925)
 21 Sat—**Fl Crk**, Hike 9m 700' B, ELichtenstein (683-0688)
 21 Sat—**Fuji Mtn**, Hike 11.2m 2200' C, CStockdale (767-3668)
 21 Sat—**TBA**, Bike, PGraham (933-1612)
 28 Sat—**Black Crater**, Hike 7.4m 2500' B, SLarsen (687-2589)
 28 Sat—**TBA**, Hike, BMontgomery (736-8955)

November 2006

12 Sun—**Eel Crk**, Hike 6m 100' B, JHackett (984-0049)
 15 Wed—**N Shasta Lp**, Hike B, RRomoser (726-8154)
 17 Fri—**Wild W—David Stone**, Potluck

December 2006

1 Fri—**Shore Acres Lights**, Bus, LReanier (687-1925)
 10 Sun—**Threemile Lk**, Hike 6.5m 650' B, BLipton (736-7498)

Lodge Work Party March 18

A WORK PARTY TO REPAIR and clean up some things at the Obsidian Lodge will be held Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to around noon. Members of all skill levels are encouraged to take part. Contact: Rob Castleberry rob@efn.org or 726-2412 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Leaders' Meeting April 10; First Aid Workshop, May 22

THE SUMMER TRIPS COMMITTEE has planned two meetings to help leaders guide safe trips. The vitally important *Leaders' Meeting* will be at 7 p.m. on April 10 in the community room at EWEB. *This is a change* from the previously announced April 17th date. Leaders are urged to attend and pick up their leader packets so we don't have to pay the postage to mail them!

On the agenda: George Baitinger will display the contents of his daypack and answer questions. Trail Maintenance Chair Peter Asai hopes to spark an interest in assessing trail conditions. Bill Sullivan will start off the program with a brief talk comparing topographic maps with the maps in his books. He will also exhibit and sell his hiking books (personally signing one as a door prize.) Wayne Deeter will explain how easy it is to submit a trip report online. And, in the last part of the program, several Obsidian members will highlight materials in the packet and how to use them to lead a safe trip.

And Concessions Chair Laurie Funkhouser will have lots of Obsidian mugs, t-shirts, whistles and caps for sale.

A PRACTICAL FIRST AID WORKSHOP for leaders will be held at the lodge at 7 p.m. on May 22nd. *Yes!* The lodge will be completed by then. Obsidian Dr. Larry Dunlap will discuss the first aid kit and demonstrate how each item can be used. There will lots of tips on how to deal with problems when one cannot call 911.

"I hope all leaders and potential leaders -- especially first-time leaders -- attend these meetings," says Margaret Prentice.

Join Nearby Nature Guides!

IF YOU LOVE HIKING, enjoy working with kids and want to make a difference in your community, then you might want to consider being a volunteer Nearby Nature guide this spring. Guides share the wonders of Alton Baker Park's "wild side" with small groups of K-5th graders, using hands-on trail activities, nature games and storytelling. Walks are held weekday mornings late April through mid-June. No experience is necessary. Training happens in March and April. For more info, stop by Nearby Nature's information table at the UofO's EMU on Tuesday, April 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions? Call Nearby Nature at 687-9699; email info@nearbynature.org; or see www.nearbynature.org.

Mt. Pisgah Guide Training

LOVE NATURE and enjoy working with children? Mount Pisgah Arboretum is currently recruiting volunteers who enjoy working with children and want to learn more about local natural history. Trained nature guides lead morning walks along the arboretum trails with small groups of six to eight elementary school students. Explore the plants and animals of our forests, meadows and waterways, while making science come alive for young students.

Guide Training begins Wednesday evening, April 5, and covers natural history, teaching techniques, group management and storytelling. Volunteers are required to lead a minimum of one morning tour or afternoon activity session per week (April 24-June 14). Senior citizens are encouraged to apply. Credit is available for UofO and LCC students.

For information or an application, call the arboretum education office at 747-1504 or email mtpisgfr@efn.org.

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Two (2) Trek 2120 tour/road bikes, sizes 50cm & 56cm; lightweight-carbon; 21 gears, lower end handlebar shifters. Includes Armadillo puncture proof tires & extra tubes. **\$375/bike**

Two pairs telescoping anti-shock, lightweight, Leki Makalu hiking sticks with angled grip for comfort. **\$50 pair**
Rich Anselmo 782-2369

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Marianne Camp at 221-1866

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Laurie 206-2303 or lafunkh@aol.com.

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Bridge near Gold Lake. See Marilyn & Gold Lakes trip report page 9. Photo by Barb Revere.



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