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April 4	Board Meeting

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The Only Thing Certain . . . Summer Trips

Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Chair

PAST PRACTITIONERS OF SCHEDULING TELL ME, “seeking a balanced schedule is much to be desired.” When paper signup sheets had to be posted in the Y, this required extensive committee meetings, phone calls, and more phone calls, and extensive committee meetings.

Thanks to the nature of Obsidian trip leaders, the volunteers who contact them, and now three seasons into implementing the online system, this year’s Summer Trips schedule is coming together well. The preliminary Summer Schedule, as it develops, can be viewed online by logging into Online System Access with user name: *stripsprelim*, and password: *openup*.

While a balanced schedule is much to be desired, what we started talking about last winter season was a *Dream Schedule*. Something to think about.

So if you haven’t yet, now is the time for all good trip leaders to get signed up to lead at least one, if not several, trips this season. If you have not yet been contacted by a Summer Trips committee member, please check out the schedule, plan a trip, and submit it to summertrips@obsidians.org.

If you would like a spreadsheet of the past three years of summer trips as inspiration or reference, just email me at tom_m@g.com or email your request for information to summertrips@obsidians.org.

We strive for a balanced schedule. That means we like to avoid scheduling trips that compete with one another. An easy, a moderate, and a difficult trip all on the same day isn’t too bad on a popular summertime weekend day. Three easy mountain hikes in the same area on the same day . . . well, you get the picture. We encourage both weekday and weekend trips. Some leaders get quite creative with their plans.

As of March 1st we have 34 trips scheduled by 24 leaders. That leaves one month to add approximately 100 more trips to create a good offering of summer hikes, bikes, floats, backpacks, whale watching trips, and other assorted healthy and fun activities Obsidians get themselves into.

A tip for leaders: It’s good to remember to print out both of the Adobe Acrobat pdf files that are available under the Leader Access tab immediately before your trip. One file is the Trip Signup Sheet that has room for signatures from each participant. The other pdf file that is available is the Participant Contact Information Sheet, which has phone numbers and contact information that leaders often find useful on the morning of their trip. I’ve been on several trips in the past few months where the leader wished they had printed out both the Trip Signup Sheet and the Participant Contact Information.

Leader training this year is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th, a month later than has been usual over the past few years. I am hoping the later date brings in a few members that might not consider becoming a trip leader before being in-

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 spired to do so on a spring hike. So, for you more experienced leader types, if you can think of fresh leader material . . . think Leader Training.

The only thing certain, I was once told, is that only fools and newcomers

predict the weather in Oregon. That's not an affront to any of those who make a living doing such stuff, but I may yet buy snowshoes this season — for my first summer hike. Until then, *Happy Trails!* and may we all enjoy a Dream Schedule this upcoming summer season.



The Eugene Parks Foundation
 6th Annual
 Community Hero Awards Dinner

Friday, April 27, 2012
 5:30 p.m. Reception - 6:15 p.m. Dinner
 Eugene Country Club

Guest Speaker, Bob Welch

Honoring:
 The Maurie Jacobs Family
 Matthew Bell and The Obsidians
 Brandi Ferguson and Friends of Awbrey Park

4.27.12

Tickets for the Community Hero Awards Dinner are \$65.00 and can be purchased at

<http://www.eugeneparksfoundation.org/events.htm>

We hope to have an Obsidian table to honor Matt.

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THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO OFFERED TO VOLUNTEER time, energy, and lots of ideas to make 2012 a fun-filled year for us!

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Ideas And Leaders Wanted...For New Extended Trips!

Chris Stockdale

EXTENDED TRIPS have become more and more popular with Obsidians. Every time one is planned and posted, it fills rapidly. What the Extended Trips (ET) committee would like to see, of course, is more Obsidians leading more of these multi-day trips.

What constitutes an Extended Trip? It is an overnight trip that requires fee collection beyond normal trip fees, such as lodging, food, transportation or equipment. A trip such as backpacking, however, although multi-day, is not considered an ET since each participant pays his or her own costs.

The ET Committee is putting out a call for more ET trips and leaders. Have you been to a place that you enjoyed and

that would appeal to fellow club members? Perhaps it's a rustic lodge in the Columbia Gorge, with hiking or skiing close by. Or a house on the coast, a hut system in the mountains, or for a complete change, a facility in a city with access to cultural and arts events. If you're not sure whether you want to organize a trip on your own, recruit a friend to act as a co-leader.

Come up with an idea for a trip and email Extended-trips@obsidians.org with a description of your idea. If it sounds feasible to the committee, we will ask you for a more detailed proposal that will include a budget of costs covering accommodations, food, etc., with a final price for members and nonmembers. Committee members are always happy to answer questions about organizing an ET since we have all led such trips.

BOARD NOTES

March 7, 2012

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, and John Jacobsen. Also present were: Wayne Deeter, Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Janet Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, Liz Reanier, Chris Stockdale, Sue Sullivan, and Susan Wanser.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 2012 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet. The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): Summer Trips has 41 trips scheduled by 31 leaders as of March 7, 2012. Leader contacts are continuing and we hope to hit 100 trips before April 1st.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): There have been 31 completed and approved trips for the season. 16 of those were in February.

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): The registrations for the Basic Mountaineering class are coming in and the class is now more than half full and based on the inquiries received to date we expect to fill the class. We worked on improving the information available on the climbs page of the Obsidians web site, and are working on the summer climb schedule.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): In February we replaced culverts -- one rusting out and another improperly installed. We had 8 participants for our snow day trail maintenance who did a total of 22 hours of work.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Early registrations for 2012 bus trips (at the rally) were encouraging, and there is still room available on all trips.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The full committee plus President Elle Weaver met on February 20 to discuss various topics. Both Newberry Crater and Mt. Tahoma ski and snowshoe trips were successful.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Lyn's wolves program drew 64 people and \$73 in lodge fees. Next ExploraTalk is May 22 on Dragonflies and Damselflies. Y'all come.

Publication (Nola Nelson): In addition to the electronic posting, paper copies of the February 2012 Bulletin were mailed to all members with the annual Membership Directory enclosed.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): At the February potluck there were 48 people for dinner and 60 people for the presentation by Greg Vaughn, a local nature photographer.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Current Membership -- Active 408, Associate 23, Honorary 4, Junior 5, Life 17, Total 457.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): Travel Lane County Calendar of Events: we would like to submit a few Obsidians events that would be of interest to guests. Contact Janet if your committee has an event that could be posted so we can discuss the submission form.

One of our concerns is that information about our activities is up to date. We encourage Committee Chairs to be aware of what is on the Website, in the Bulletin and the newspapers.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): We set up our table at three events in the week -- Feb. 24 potluck, Feb. 26 bus rally, and Feb. 28 ExploraTalk. We also took inventory in January and are beginning to replenish our supplies and to add a few new items to our line of merchandise.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Finance Committee approved recommending allocating 100% of 2011 interest income to Capital/Contingency and 100% of equity dividends to Endowment.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): Five new activity sheets were made last month for the five new members voted into the Club.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The Lodge was rented once in February.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): No significant work parties this month -- cleaned up the grounds for a couple events and got started spring trimming etc. I hope to do some cleanup and trans-

planting along the access road from the gate to the Lodge -- if anyone would like help with that, let me know.

Safety (Pat Esch): Safety met and discussed the current state of the draft Safety Manual, whether it should be part of the Leadership packet, and how to integrate Trip Guidelines. Use of the kits has gone way down since online signup. We will not offer a First Aid Course this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Hoeg, Sue Sullivan, John Jacobsen, and Doug Nelson gave a status report on the acoustics project. A work party consisting of John, Doug, Kathy, Rob Castleberry, Jim Pierce, Cat Nelson, Jim Whitfield, and Greg Milliman repaired the gaps in the ceiling of the main hall. The next steps are to sign a contract with the acoustics company, AGI, pay the down payment, and order the acoustic panels. In 6 to 8 weeks, a professional crew will install the panels. The Board approved an expenditure of \$20,000 maximum for the materials, labor, and equipment costs of the panels and the costs of a new sound system.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved allocating 100% of 2011 interest income to Capital/Contingency and 100% of equity dividends to Endowment.

Janet Jacobsen will be the Summer Trips Committee's representative on the Safety Committee.

There was a general discussion about membership growth and development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elle Weaver announced that a Nominating Committee will be appointed at the April meeting.

Stewart Hoeg said that the club's tax return should be done by the end of the week.

Jim Duncan said that there is an open comments period in effect now on the issue of motorized boats on Waldo Lake.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at 19th Street Cafe.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Ski Trips

Cone Peak

January 22, 2012

Leader: Gordon Sayre

Xski: 6 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)

OUR TRIP CAME A WEEK AFTER THE CASCADES saw the return of snow and rain following six weeks or more of dry weather. Tombstone Sno-Park now had adequate snow and we began by walking half a mile east on Highway 20 to where the Iron Mountain Loop Trail crosses the road. We followed a mystery party's tracks up through meadows and steep old-growth forest to an open bench from which on a clear day one can see both Iron Mountain and Cone Peak. This was not a clear day, however, but a snowy, windy one, and we could just make out the summit of Cone Peak. All members of our party had climbing skins and all kept a fairly even pace on the climb. When we reached 200 vertical feet from the summit the wind really picked up, and although Joshua, Sam, Harold and John began to climb up in their boots to get to the summit, they soon turned back. I was afraid we might soon be in a white-out. Fortunately, the visibility remained at a quarter-mile or so, and we enjoyed the descent with some telemark turns through the heavy new snow. A drainage between Iron Mountain and Cone Peak is a good descent route, although one has to thread between willows that are not covered by the modest snowpack. We returned to our vehicles at about 3 PM and drove back to Eugene via Highway 126. The skiers were members Gordon Sayre (leader), Harold Thompson, Steve Goins, John Hartman and Sam Miller, and nonmembers Joshua Ladau and Catherine Nelson.

Midnight Lake

January 22, 2012

Leader: Sue Wolling

Xski: 6 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS THE FIRST SKI TRIP OF THE YEAR for the majority of skiers—but the wonderful snow on the Midnight Lake Trail was worth waiting for. We glided over six inches of fresh snow and headed up the PCT to Midnight Lake. With snow falling and a strong breeze over the lake, we decided to wait until Bechtel Shelter for lunch. On the way, Steve tried a little water skiing while crossing the little creek just below Midnight Lake—a good reminder that while water might be covered with snow, it often isn't frozen. Though we didn't find blue diamonds to mark our route until just before Abernethy Road, we easily followed tracks made by previous skiers to

arrive at the shelter. The most difficult terrain of the entire trip was the descent from the road down to the shelter, so after lunch we took the more gradual rise back up to the road. From there it was smooth gliding back to the parking lot, for a great first ski of the season, even if we had to wait until late January for the season to begin! Members: Steven Johnson, Ellen King, Lisa Marcus, Nancy Whitfield, and Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Linda Gilbert, Sharon Friedland, Paul Murtaugh, Michelle Flick, and Tamara Johnson.

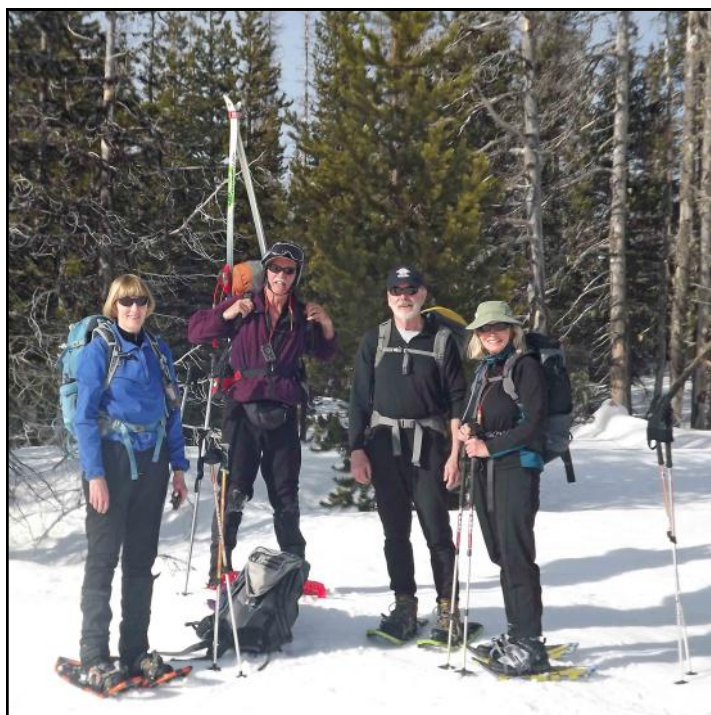
Circle Lake

January 28, 2012

Leader/Photographer: Chris Stockdale

Xski: 10 miles, 300 ft. (Difficult)

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS but less than optimal snow conditions for skiing greeted the eight Obsidians who arrived at Ray Benson Sno-Park for the oft-postponed Circle Lake cross-country ski trip. Although the group put on skis to set off, within a very short time five members turned back to



change to snowshoes. Three gutsy skiers stayed with the original plan and experienced crust to mush as the temperatures warmed up. Bob Smythe, Sue Wolling and Charlie VanDeusen followed the Circle Lake Trail to Junction Island Shelter and then headed back to the parking lot. The highlight of their excursion was seeing five teams of mushers on sleds, each sled pulled by a team of six young Siberian huskies. The snowshoers, Dick Hildreth, Lyndell Wilken, Chris Shuraleff, Bob Harrison and Chris Stockdale, followed in the skiers' tracks as far as Circle Lake. After enjoying lunch in the warm sunshine, they retraced their steps to the North Loop Trail and headed back past the North Blowout Shelter to the cars.

Everybody was so glad to get out onto the snow again that nobody complained about the conditions (although some did complain about the excessive noise and air pollution generated by the unbelievable number of snowmobiles in the parking lot). Members: Bob Harrison, Dick Hildreth, Chris Shuraleff, Robert Smythe, Chris Stockdale, Charlie Van Deusen, Lyndell Wilken, and Sue Wolling.

Midnight Lake

February 4, 2012

Leader: Laurie Funkhouser

Xski: 6 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

WITH CONCERNS OF POTENTIALLY ICY CONDITIONS, the party of three—Randy, Brenda and I—met at 8:00 at South Eugene High School and shared a cup of coffee before heading up Highway 58. Road conditions were great, no ice. The REI Winter Fest was taking place with lots of people checking out gear. In the parking lot at Gold Lake, Randy recognized Obsidian member Marci Hansen who was a delightful addition to our crew for the day. Wonderful conditions: snow was like butter, sun was shining, sky was blue and the crowd remained close to the parking lot. We headed up the PCT, reaching sparkling Midnight Lake around 11:00, took photographs and headed to Bechtel Shelter for lunch. The condition of the snow was better than expected. We reached the shelter shortly thereafter and opted to sit in the sun for lunch. Then the quick, easy glide back to the car. Great day! Thanks to the crew – members Randy Sinnott and Brenda Kameenui, leader Laurie Funkhouser, and Marci Hansen (unofficial).

Booth/Square Lakes

February 4, 2012

Leader: Brian Hamilton

Photographer: Frank Chemotti

Xski: 8 miles, 1,310 ft. (Difficult)

WE WERE READY TO GO AT THE SANTIAM SNO-PARK at 9:20. Knowing that we would start out on old snow, we put skins on our skis to save energy on our ascent. We headed north on the Old Skyline Trail and when the trail started to level out, we continued uphill toward the northeast and the Pacific Crest Trail. From near where the PCT should have been, we could see the ridge we needed to reach before dropping down to Booth Lake. After 1-1/4 miles of level and gently uphill skiing, we were at the ridge. We had traveled about 2-1/2 miles and gained 1,100 feet of elevation. A stiff wind from the east cooled us off quickly and urged us to put on wind shells and cover our ears. We dropped down over the corniced ridge to remove our skins among the unburned trees where we were somewhat sheltered from the wind. The 700-foot descent down to Booth Lake went quickly through sparsely treed slopes and we stopped for lunch just above the lake. After a short rest, we continued downhill until we were just above Square Lake and then turned west and climbed another 550 feet to the ridge above the Old Skyline Trail, crossing elk tracks a couple of times along the way. A final downhill run took us back to the trailhead. We enjoyed sun



all day and even though the wind-scoured ridges were icy-hard, most of the snow surface was better than we had hoped. We left the sno-park for Eugene at about 2:45. Thanks go to Sam for driving! Members: Frank Chemotti, Brian Hamilton, and Sam Miller.



SnowShoe **Trips**

Diamond Creek Falls

January 15, 2012

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Darko Sojak

SShoe: 3.4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

THERE WAS JUST ENOUGH SNOW TO ENJOY THE DAY. We found our snowshoes were mostly useful for traction. Shortly after our group arrived, the snowplow also arrived, and we followed it into the parking lot. Although the trail is well marked, new maps are due in stores in a couple of months. Members: Scott Hovis and Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Harriet Kelly, Jennifer Hickey, Wayne Hickey, Chris Garrick, and Ginny Mulvey.



Gold Lake

January 22, 2012

Leader: Scott Hovis

SShoe: 5 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

WE STILL NEED MORE SNOW; currently the snowpack is only three feet deep. The Westview Shelter has plenty of firewood, and the trails are in good condition and well marked. On this particular day, getting to the pass by 10:00 meant you missed most of the crowds. Members: Scott Hovis, Judy Ness, Darko Sojak, and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Karen Chalmers.

Pulpit Rock

February 2, 2012

Leader: Lyndell Wilken; Ass't Leader: Jan Anselmo

SShoe: 8 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE SNOWSHOE TRIP TO PULPIT ROCK ABOVE ROSARY LAKES on a blue bird day was enjoyed by all. We snowshoed up the groomed cross country ski trail to the backside chairlift at Willamette Pass before climbing up to the Maiden Peak Saddle, then around the rim to a nice overlook above Lower Rosary for lunch. We returned to the car via the downhill ski slopes. Members: Jan Anselmo, Dick Hildreth, and Lyndell Wilken.

Maxwell Butte

February 5, 2012

Leader: Scott Hovis

Photographer: Darko Sojak

SShoe: 5.5 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

NOT MUCH SNOW but enough to enjoy the day. Trails are well maintained. The shelter has about half the firewood left. Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Dick Hildreth, Scott Hovis, Ellen King, Darko Sojak, Suzanne Steussy, Chris Stockdale, and Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: David Madeira and Karen Chalmers.



Hikes

Ridgeline Trail

February 2, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Bill Mallonee

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)



DEWDRIPS AND FILTERED SUN RAYS highlighted thousands of orb spider webs in the vegetation along the trail. It was like walking through a children's fairy garden, as red elf cap mushrooms peeked from rotten logs. Margaret Prentice and Barbara Bruns joined us for the best part of the Groundhog Day hike. Most of us were completely surprised to discover and recognize the stout body, pointed snout, and cozy brown fur of the weather-predicting groundhog in a shadowed low spot off the trail between Fox Hollow and Dillard. Too bad the groundhog didn't make his appearance on top of Baldy with the bright sun, blue sky and views of the mountains. Members: Anne Bonine, Barbara Bruns, Keiko Bryan, Janet Jacobsen, John Moser, and Margaret Prentice. Nonmembers: Bill Mallonee.

Siltcoos River and Lagoon Trails

February 12, 2012

Leader/Photographer: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

THE SUN DIDN'T COME OUT FOR OUR HIKE, but we didn't let that dampen our spirits. Sixteen of us enjoyed two short hikes through the Oregon Dunes south of Florence. The first was along the Lagoon Trail which circles an oxbow slough which was once part of the Siltcoos River. Beth, who got there a little early, was rewarded by the sight of a river otter playing in the slough. The second hike was along the banks

of the Siltcoos River to the ocean. There were too many of us enjoying each others' company to do a lot of bird watching, but we did see a kingfisher, buffleheads, mallards and lots of great blue herons. At the beach, four curious sea lions (seals?) kept popping up in the surf watching us watching them. Almost no one had done the hikes before and almost everyone agreed that they'd like to return one day to take

their time and really explore the coastal woods and dunes, maybe even see a snowy plover in the spring. Members: Barbara Bruns, Julie Dorland, Joella Ewing, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Janet Jacobsen, John Moser, Tom Musselwhite, Moshe Rapaport, Noy Rathakette, Jorry Rolfe, Beth Roy, and Suzanne Steussy. Nonmembers: Christie Goss, Charlotte Brandt, Cindy Miller, and Jyoti Naik.



Winter Trips Leaders 'Banquet'

Chris Cunningham

TOM MUSSELLWHITE'S INVITATION to this year's winter trips committee members and leaders generated a bit of a stir.

Wanting to recognize the efforts of the three dozen or so folks who had volunteered to lead at least one winter trip, Tom called the event, the first of its kind, a banquet.

One Obsidian invitee asked if the event was black tie? With a catered entree, might we expect pheasant under glass? Would we listen to big donors and celebrities give roasts, a speech perhaps?

The truth of the matter was, the event on January 25 was a lot more fun than that. Almost 20 Obsidians attended this special mid-winter gathering, which was in fact a potluck of pizza and the usual Obsidian array of delicious salads and desserts.

Following amiable dinner conversation, winter trips committee chair Jim Pierce led a discussion about the online signup process, and listened to suggestions on how the club might streamline the efficient and well-designed signup system.

Scheduling winter trips always has been a bit troublesome, with more cancellations due to lack of snow or inaccessible roads.

Even so, almost 50 cross country ski and snowshoe outings, and hikes have been scheduled for the 2011-2012 season, and Tom wanted to recognize the efforts of those who make winter season happen.

So, kudos to Tom, for the grand recognition concept, and to Jim Pierce, Judy Terry and John Cooper for organizing a fun evening.

Newberry National Volcanic Monument Extended Trip

Lana Lindstrom (Photo by Chris Stockdale)

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW, NOR SLEET, NOR HAIL ... shall keep Obsidians from being on time! The weather was a bit dicey from Willamette Pass to the 10-mile snow park near Newberry Crater, but everyone was ready to load their gear on the snow cat promptly at noon. And it was sunny and clear for the rest of the day and the next two days! Although there was 4-5 feet of snow on the ground, it was several days old, so we decided to ski or snowshoe the road rather than the west trail. It took us about two hours of mostly steady uphill to arrive at the Paulina Lake cabins. Fifteen of us shared three cabins – Reeds, Snowbird, and Lark. The first order of business was to build fires in the Franklin stoves – the *only* heat source!

by icicles with large snow covered boulders at the base was dramatic.

We prepared two excellent dinners — vegetarian lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and tiramisu; and ‘make your own’ burrito with organic grass fed beef, beans, and veggies, plus brownies and fruit for dessert. Yummy!

Returning to the parking lot on the final day, we again divided into three groups: the snowshoers came down the groomed Ponderosa Trail, and the rest of us skied down the main road (Trail #1) or the considerably steeper Trail #11. During the entire three days, we only saw/heard several snowmobiles, and they were very courteous. Note: on weekends, there are 50-60 snowmobiles buzzing around the area. One of the amazing sights was a snowmobile with



The next morning, we divided into three groups: the snowshoe group, which explored trails in the Paulina Lake vicinity; those who skied the road to the Big Obsidian Flow and almost to East Lake; and five intrepid skiers who went up the road to Paulina Peak. “Awesome” and “exhilarating” were two words repeated by the proud skiers who ascended 1,650’ feet in four miles (and then glided down) for views from Mt Hood to Mt Shasta: Bea Fontana, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Charlie VanDeusen, and Jim Whitfield. “Fantastic” was heard from the skiers who saw the obsidian flow draped in snow. And Paulina Creek Falls surrounded

ropes towing two skiers — who, upon reaching the top of Paulina Peak, descended the precipitous mountain face on skis.

This very, very congenial group of Obsidians sharing a fun winter Extended Trip included: Pat Esch, Bea Fontana, Richard Hughes, Lisa Marcus, Patty MacAfee, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Norregaard, Judy Newman, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Charlie VanDeusen, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield, Peggy Windle, and leader Lana Lindstrom. We shall return!

2012 Bus Trip Schedule

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Pay by/to</u>
Oregon Coast/Lunch at Adobe Reanier	03/27	\$45(47)	03/02 – Speelman
Columbia Gorge/Hood River/Mt. Hood Beards	04/24-5	\$187(191)	04/16 - Cheadle
Harrisburg Museum/Schreiner's Iris Gardens/Garland Nursery Cutsforth & Arthur	05/15	\$37(39)	04/23 - Cheadle
Fossils/Ghost Towns/Painted Hills/Museums, Etc. Cutsforth/Paynes	06/04-7	\$430(438)	05/01 - Speelman
For the Birds at Yaquina Head West	07/10	\$40(42)	07/02 - Cheadle
Douglas County Safari and Wine Kocken	08/07	\$65(67)	07/20 - Payne
Oregon City/McLaughlin Mary Ellen West	09/06	\$42(44)	08/31 - Speelman
Fall Color Jensen & Reanier	10/16	\$36(38)	10/09 - Cheadle
Roseburg/Steamboat Inn Kocken	11/06-7	\$225(229)	10/01 - Payne
Obsidian Lodge for the Holidays (no leader)	12/06	\$5(10)	11/29 - Speelman



THERE ARE TEN TRIPS PLANNED by the Obsidian Bus Committee for 2012, beginning with a trip to the coast on March 27. There are three multi-day trips planned, highlighted by a four-night trip to eastern Oregon in early June. The season will be capped off with the 2nd annual *Lodge for the Holidays* event at the Obsidian Lodge on December 6.

Leaders of this year's bus trips include Liz Reanier, Verna Kocken, the Beards, the Paynes, Sharon Cutsforth, Bill Arthur, Ray Jensen and Mary Ellen West.

Taking turns handling the reservations are Janet Speelman, Mary Lea Cheadle, and Barbara Payne.

SUMMER CAMP 2012 - REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, August 18 - Saturday, August 25, 2012

Each camper must register *online* and complete a *separate* registration form.

Please read the information and directions on the reverse side!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City, State, Zip _____ Age, if under 18: _____

Members: Adults and children ages 12 and above - \$195; Children ages 6-11 - \$100. Non-members: Adults and children ages 12 and above - \$225; Children ages 6-11 - \$130 Children under age 6 are free.	\$
Minus nonrefundable deposit of \$35 (enclosed)	(\$ 35)
Balance Owed -- to be paid no later than June 15, 2012	\$

A **nonrefundable** deposit fee of **\$35.00** must be included for **each** registration. Within 5 days of registering online, mail the check payable to **Obsidians Inc** to:

<p style="text-align: center;">Obsidians, Summer Camp Registration PO Box 51424 Eugene, OR 97405</p>

Is this your first Summer Camp? Yes No

Would you like to be considered for a Responsible Person (lead) position? Yes No

Please indicate your dietary restriction: No restrictions Semi-vegetarian (fish & chicken) Vegetarian

Do you have limitations that should be considered when the duty roster is made up (e.g., bad back, etc)?
If so, specify.

If you plan to camp in an RV, what type of vehicle is it? *Type* _____ *Length* _____ ft. (23 ft. max)

Note: Car and RV parking spaces are limited at the Excelsior Group Campground. Carpooling to Camp is encouraged.

RECOGNITION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, am aware that outdoor activities can be dangerous and present occasional hazards not encountered in everyday life. I am prepared to deal with and accept all risks of this activity and associated activities as my own responsibility. I am responsible for providing my own equipment, including first aid supplies and medicines. In consideration of OBSIDIANS, INC. sponsoring and granting permission for me to participate in this activity, I release OBSIDIANS, INC., its officers, agents and members from all claims on account of my death or injury resulting from any act, or failure to act, even if negligent, during my participation in this activity, including travel to and from the activity, and any associated activities.

By your signature below, you certify that you have read and understand all the conditions listed above and on the reverse side.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If minor is under 18, parent or guardian must sign instead.

SUMMER CAMP 2012 - REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(See the front side for the registration form.)

Registration/Deposit: Registration is a two step process:

- 1) Register **online** at www.obsidians.org (bottom right corner of web page). Online registration begins on March 17. All Obsidians who register online between March 17 and March 27 will be treated the same, i.e. as though they registered at the same time (see "Waiting List" below). Members will have preference over nonmembers.
- 2) Complete the front side of this form, *one form per person*. *Within 5 days* of registering online, mail it with a non-refundable deposit of \$35 per person. You may submit one check for multiple registrations in the same envelope. Make the check payable to **Obsidians Inc** and send to:

Obsidians, Summer Camp Registration
PO Box 51424
Eugene, OR 97405

Final Payment: The balance of the camp fee is due on or before **June 15, 2012**.

Waiting List: The Camp is limited to 90 persons. If more than 90 register between March 17 and March 27, we will hold a lottery. Those names not drawn in the lottery will be placed on the Waiting List. If a registrant decides to remove him/herself from the online Waiting List, his/her deposit will be refunded. Those persons remaining on the Waiting List when camp starts will receive a deposit refund after camp.

Cancellation Policy: The Summer Camp Committee recognizes that sometimes cancellations are unavoidable; however, due to fixed costs, and in fairness to those who may be on the Waiting List, the policy is as follows:

- ▶ The \$35 deposit is nonrefundable.
- ▶ Registrants who cancel online before June 15 will receive a full refund, less the deposit.
- ▶ Registrants who cancel online on or after June 15, but before August 1: if your vacancy is filled, the full fee, less the deposit, will be refunded after camp. If your vacancy is not filled, no refund will be made until after all camp expenses have been paid in full. At that time, funds permitting, a percentage of your fee will be refunded.
- ▶ Registrants who cancel online on or after August 1 will not receive a refund.

Summer Camp Rally: The Rally will be held at the monthly potluck on **Friday, April 27** at the Lodge. The potluck begins at 6:30 pm; the program starts at 7:30 pm. We'll discuss camp logistics and show slides of the camp, the area, and recreational opportunities.

Booklets: A Camp booklet containing detailed information regarding the campsite, the area, what to bring, etc. will be provided to registrants who have paid in full (one booklet per family). It will be available for pickup at the **June 22nd potluck** at the Lodge.

Check-in: Campers are welcome to arrive after noon (12:00 pm) on Saturday, August 18. All food will be provided beginning with dinner the first night and ending with lunch fixings and breakfast on the last day.

Questions: **Registrar/Treasurer** – Don Doerr 541-484-4950
 Camp CEO – Lana Lindstrom 541-683-1409

dondoerr@comcast.net
lane_lindstrom@hotmail.com

Mt. Baker (Camp Elle) Summer Camp

SUMMER CAMP 2012 (Camp Elle in honor of our current president) will be held at the same site where camp was in 2004 — the Excelsior group campground near Glacier, Washington. Hikes of varying lengths with grand vistas (even mountain goats) are short driving distances away.

The following are questions the Camp Committee has been asked about the two step registration process which begins St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

Q: *Why do I have to complete the paper registration form as well as sign up online?*

A: The registration form has the Release of Liability (your signature), plus it provides additional information like food preferences to the Committee. And, it envelops your \$35 deposit check! **Note:** this is the first year we have online camp registration, so please be patient with us.

Q: *I do not receive a paper copy of the Bulletin. How do I easily print the registration form (and not the entire Bulletin)?*



A: The registration form is available on the Obsidian website. Click on **Summer Camp** in the upper left hand corner on the home page and you'll see the link.

Q: *Summer Camp sounds like a lot of fun, but I may have a conflict. Should I sign up now and risk forfeiting the \$35 deposit or wait until my plans become clearer?*

A: The Camp Committee wishes that we had a crystal



ball and knew how many people will sign up, but unfortunately, it's impossible to predict. Our suggestion is to monitor the online signups. If it starts approaching 90, you might want to register and pay the deposit. If more than 90 people sign up by March 27, we will select participants by lottery.

Q: *What does lottery mean? If I am one of the first folks to sign up, doesn't that guarantee that I will go?*

A: In order to be fair to everyone, including those who may be out of town on March 17 and shortly thereafter (spring break), the registration period spans 10 days from March 17 through March 27. If we're in a lottery situation, we will draw names out of a box and change the online status of folks no later than Saturday, March 31. Check online to see what your status is. It won't change after April 1 unless you change it.

Q: *Has there ever been a lottery before for Summer Camp?*

A: Yes, several times. We don't know whether or not we'll need it this year; it is the contingency plan. The initial signups in previous years have ranged from 50 to 150 participants.

Save The Date: Camp Rally, Friday, April 27 at the Lodge. Potluck begins at 6:30 PM and the program at 7:30 PM.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Bus Trips

Oregon Coast, Lunch at Adobe

Tue, March 27, 2012

Leader: Liz Reanier

Cost: \$45 members, \$47 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Janet Speelman 344-3019

THIS IS OUR SEASON KICKOFF: a leisurely trip to see signs of spring on our way to Florence. We will leave Shopko parking lot at 8:00 AM, and travel to Florence via Hwy. 126. You will be on your own for coffee break and have time to explore Old Town. We will again board the bus for our trip north on Hwy. 101 to Yachats for lunch (cost included) at the Adobe Resort. There will be an optional short hike along the beach and a stop in town to see what is available. Next, we will head up Hwy. 101 to Waldport for a stop at the Alsea Bay Interpretive Center (emphasis on the Coast Bridges). We will then head inland on Hwy. 34 to Philomath, Corvallis and Hwy. 99W to Eugene. Note: Highway conditions may cause a change in itinerary, but rest assured, this will be a fun trip. Home by 5:00 PM.

Columbia Gorge/Hood River/Mt. Hood

Tue - Wed, April 24-25, 2012

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$187 members, \$191 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

OVER THE RIVERS AND THROUGH THE WOODS, a sight-seeing we will go! Our travels will include Canby, Oregon City, Sandy, Mt. Hood, Parkdale, Hood River, the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM), the historic Gorge Hotel, Cascade Locks, Bridge of the Gods, Bonneville, many waterfalls, Vista House, and Corbett. We'll return to Eugene after going approximately 450-500 miles round trip. Day 1: The coffee break will be at the Canby exit before turning off through backroads to Timberline Lodge for lunch and a snow cat ride and tour of the lodge (cost included in trip fees.) We will leave Mt. Hood late afternoon to Hwy. 35 around the base of the mountain to Hood River Inn for our overnight stay on the Columbia River. Dinner at the Inn is not included in trip fees. Day 2: We leave the Inn at 9 AM after breakfast (cost included in trip fees) and head for the WAAAM Museum, the Gorge Hotel, lunch at the Bridge of the Gods (cost included in trip fees) and on to Bonneville Dam for a tour of the grounds, power house and turbines, fish ladders and hatchery viewing ponds. We will travel Route 30 to see waterfalls and Vista House. One final stop for an ice cream snack at Tolgate in Sandy and then we head home to Eugene.

OTHER ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Cascades Raptor Center

THE CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER'S annual Members Only Earth Day Event this year will be on Saturday, April 21st. The Center will be closed to the public that day for festivities, including two flight demonstrations. Invitations will be mailed to members in March, so if you've been thinking of supporting this world class organization, now is the time! Join the CRC family online or through the mail or while on a visit to the center.

www.eRaptors.org

32275 Fox Hollow Rd
Eugene OR 97405

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Volunteer Nature Guide Orientation Sessions

Thursday, March 15 or Tuesday, April 3, both 6:30-8 PM at Wayne Morse Family Farm, 595 Crest Drive, Eugene.

Help reconnect the kids in your community with nature. Learn about leading nature walks for small groups of K-5 graders this spring. No experience required. Training is free. Information:

MountPisgahArboretum.org, mpisgfr@efn.org, 747-1504.

Nearby Nature

WREN

Nearby Nature's Spring New Volunteer Orientation. Tuesday, March 13, 6:30-8 PM.

Learn all about leading school nature walks in Alton Baker Park this spring as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities. No experience needed—free training provided in early April. Meet in the Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library. Questions or can't make the meeting? Call Nearby Nature at 687-9699, email info@nearbynature.org, or see <http://www.nearbynature.org/volunteer>

Nearby Nature Celebrates Its 20th Birthday!

Saturday, March 17, 1-4 PM, First United Methodist Church (1376 Olive St. in Eugene), FREE!

Help Nearby Nature celebrate 20 years of exploring and caring for nature nearby. A special production by our entertaining costumed Kinder Critters, games, crafts, exhibits, a raffle, and a dragonfly cake will make the event fun for all ages. Come and be part of the fun as we honor 20 years of wonderful volunteers, members, friends, and community partners. Questions? Call 687-9699 or see www.nearbynature.org.

WILLAMETTE RESOURCES & EDUCATIONAL NETWORK (WREN) will host the first spring program of the 2012 series of Family Exploration Days at Golden Gardens Ponds on Saturday, April 14th, 2012 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to meet at the pull-off located north of Barger Drive, at the intersection of Golden Gardens Street and Jessen Drive. Participants should bring a picnic lunch, water and wear sturdy shoes.

Early spring is an exciting time to explore the West Eugene Wetlands with your family. Participants will be able to catch insects, investigate plants, watch wildlife, and enjoy experiential learning in nature. WREN staff and volunteers will be on hand to check-out nature exploration equipment and provide guidance for independent exploration of the wonders in the wetlands.

This event is generously supported by a grant from the Bureau of Land Management. For more information about WREN Family Exploration Day at Golden Gardens Ponds check our website at <http://www.wewetlands.org>.

Friends of Buford Park and Mount Pisgah

Swing Hill/Trail 3 Tour: Sun., Mar. 18, 1 PM-3 PM

Mt. Pisgah is more than a quick climb to the summit. There are miles of trails crisscrossing the mountain with lots of opportunities to stop to take in the views or watch birds and other wildlife. Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah works with Lane County Parks to design, build and maintain many

of these trails, including the Swing Hill (#3) Trail. Come join us for a tour of this beautiful trail as it traverses an open hillside with stunning views of the Confluence then wraps up and around the hill through oak and Douglas fir forests. As you walk, you'll learn about the Friends' efforts to improve and realign the trail away from the wetland meadows, damaged from years of overuse by horseback riders and hikers. Your efforts will be rewarded by views from the top and the chance to play on the swing. Pre-registration is also required for this tour. To sign up, go to www.bufordpark.org and click on Tours.

Eugene Natural History Society

All events are free at 7:30 PM in Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus

Friday, March 16:

WHERE DOES THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BEGIN AND HOW IS IT CHANGING? How will climate changes and land use affect its future? Will we always have it? If these questions sound intriguing, come hear Gordon E. Grant offer some answers. Dr. Grant is a Professor (courtesy) at OSU and does research for the USDA Forest Service. His primary interests include the structure and dynamics of mountain streams.

Archaeology Channel

The Archaeology Channel International Film and Video Festival will take place for the 8th year May 8-12.

The highlight film this year is on the Mayan calendar, which will complete its 13,000th year of the creation cycle on the day of the winter solstice 2012. Of course, this means the world will start anew in some way to be seen!

There are many events during the five days including hikes, keynote speaker Mark Van Stone on the Mayan topic, plus filmmakers from around the world that have submitted their films for critical review by our jury of local judges.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, March 30, 6:30 PM

Washington Field Guide

THINK THERE ARE LIMITS to what we can do in our fifties? Think again, and come hear Craig Romano tell us about the challenges he undertakes in his fifties. From Mt. Vernon, WA, Craig is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker, and cyclist. For his fiftieth birthday last year, he ran a fifty-mile marathon. He is the author of several books on hiking in the Northwest including *Best Hikes With Dogs*, *Inland Northwest*, *Day Hiking: Central Cascades*, and *Backpacking Washington*. Our speaker will also tell us about some hiking near Mt. Baker, the site of this year's summer camp.



March Potluck

Friday, March 30, 2012

Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM Obsidian Lodge

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups...

plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.



There is no ExploraTalk scheduled in March. See below for information on two upcoming Sci-Ed/Conservation Committee sponsored events.

Spring Beach Cleanup Saturday, March 31

by Joella Ewing

OBSIDIANS CAN CELEBRATE CLEAN SEAS at one of 47 Oregon beaches by joining the annual SOLV Spring Beach Cleanup Saturday, March 31. Carl Washburne Picnic Area about 14 miles north of Florence is the staging area where we will look for everything from small pieces of plastic, which are harmful to sea life if ingested, to tires to kitchen stoves.

The early bird gets the worm, so we'll meet at 7:30 AM under the trees at Lowe's Home Improvement parking lot, 3595 W. 11th Ave.

In addition to warm clothing, raingear, your lunch and water, consider bringing a bucket or reusable bag, an old colander to sift tide lines for harmful bite-sized bits of plastic, and gardening gloves to reduce use of plastic gloves.

We are asked to steer clear of baby sea lions. Their mothers are probably offshore catching their dinners.

Whale Watch Boat Trip Saturday, April 21, 2012

JOIN OTHER OBSIDIANS for an afternoon of whale watching from a charter boat out of Newport. The approximately two hour trip is \$30 for adults.

The boat holds a maximum of fourteen passengers — the first fourteen who sign up online and send in their checks by March 31. Checks should be made payable to Newport Marina. Please mail checks to Joella Ewing, 2384 Washington Street, Eugene, 97405.

Marina staff emphasize that people need to wear warm clothing in layers, and closed toe, nonslip shoes. Participants also need to bring raingear, nonalcoholic beverages and snacks. Those prone to seasickness or who have never sailed in the open sea should take an anti-seasick medication; this includes trip leader Joella Ewing

Classifieds

For Sale

Bike Friday *Tikit to Ride*: Red, size medium, lightly used with fenders and kick stand, no carrying case. \$700, Cliff, 431-0863.

Help Wanted

Volunteer with full size pickup (prefer four-wheel drive) to help Sam Tracer, once or twice a month with grounds maintenance. Contact Sam Tracer 852-0104.

Wanted

Hunting/Game Frame: Trail Maintenance is looking for a hunting or game frame with a fixed or folding shelf at the bottom. We are exploring ways to make hauling tools easier for trail maintenance (we're NOT hunting!). If you have one you would be willing to part with, please contact Matthew Bell 503-884-8829,

Obsidian Calendar

March

17 Sat	Ridgeline Trail Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
18 Sun	Lava Lake SShoe M Hovis	521-3663
18 Sun	Fawn Lake Xski D Sinnott	915-0234
20 Tue	Pisgah Equinox Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
30 Fri	Crater Lake Xski/Snowshoe Stockdale	767-3668
30 Fri	Washington Trail Guide Romano	Potluck
31 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell	503-884-8829
31 Sat	SOLV Beach Cleanup Hike E Ewing	344-9197

April

01 Sun	Ridgeline Trail Hike Jacobsen	343-8030
05 Thu	King's Valley Hike Christensen	343-8941
07 Sat	Midnight Lake Xski M Funkhouser	206-2303
08 Sun	Little Nash SShoe D Hovis	521-3663
11 Wed	Yachats to Waldport Hike Jacobsen	343-8030
14 Sat	Sweet Creek Falls Hike E Camp	221-1866
15 Sun	HJ Andrews Hike Musselwhite	461-3296
17 Tue	Buford Park	ExploraTalk
18 Wed	N. Fork Santiam Hike Christensen	343-8941
20 Fri	Pre's Trail Hike Prentice	687-5850
21 Sat	Whale Watch Cruise E Ewing	344-9197
27 Fri	Mt. Bailey Backpack SShoe D Hovis	521-3663

2012 BASIC MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Sponsored by: The Obsidians & Eugene Mountain Rescue • Class April 12th & 19th, Field April 14/15th & 21st

Cost

\$50 • members of either organization

\$75 • non-members/
general public

The Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue would like to invite you to participate in their annual Basic Mountaineering school. This is an entry level mountaineering class with an emphasis on providing the basic skills needed to climb safely with a group in alpine mountain environments - where travel may involve ascending glaciers or negotiation of steep rock. It is recommended for new climbers who would like to participate in any "technical" or roped climb or those who would like to refresh their climbing skills.

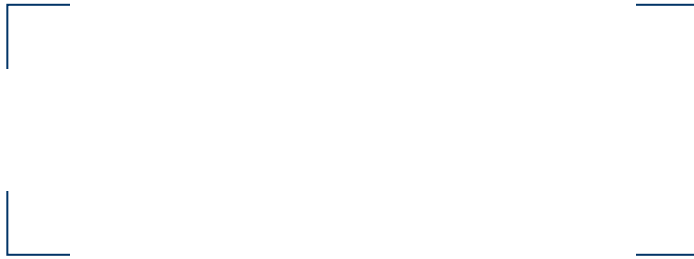
Prerequisites for the course include being in reasonably good physical conditioning; being age 16 or older (or at least 13, if accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult).

For more information and registration contact: climbs@obsidians.org



Big Obsidian Flow—Lana Lindstrom Photographer. *See Newberry Crater extended trip report on page 9.*

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