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Dates to Remember

March 18	ExploraTalk
March 28	Potluck
March 29	<i>Bulletin</i> deadline
April 2	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
Register-Guard – Outdoors – Tuesday

Summer Camp Registration Opens March 17!



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, March 17 at approximately 7:00 AM. The camp is limited to the first 100 paid registrants. Members have preference for the first 48 hours. Full payment, together with the registration form, must be mailed within five days of registration; otherwise, you will be cancelled. The registration form can be downloaded from the web page and is also available in the paper copy of the *Bulletin*.

Beach Cleanup and Whale Watch

SOLVE BEACH CLEANUP is Saturday, March 22, on the same weekend as the Sunday, March 23 Whale Watch. You can make your own overnight arrangements if you want to make a weekend of it.

WHALE WATCH: Sign up, and send a check made out to the Newport Marina Store and Charters for \$30 to Joella Ewing by March 15. Address: 2384 Washington Street, Eugene 97405.

Details for both are in the February *Bulletin* and on the signup sheets.

Portland Chinese Garden and The Grotto

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Barbara Payne

Cost: \$65 (\$67 nonmembers)

Reservations and checks to: Mary Lee Cheadle, 689-1085

MAY IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME TO SEE SPRING FLOWERS IN BLOOM. We will leave Shopko at 8 AM, stop at a favorite rest area for coffee break, and arrive at the Chinese Garden mid-morning. Here we will experience winding walkways, a bridged lake, open pavilions, water sounds, floral fragrances and more than 500 species of plants and trees. All of this within one city block in downtown Portland—it is truly amazing. Lunch will be at the Golden Horse Chinese Restaurant and is included in your trip fee. After lunch, we travel east to the Grotto. This internationally known Catholic sanctuary encompasses 62 acres on two levels. The Grotto is carved into the base of a 110 foot cliff. The upper level is reached by elevator (cost included), and there you can stroll the paths among rhododendrons and other native Pacific Northwest flora, view statuary, the reflecting ponds and panoramic vista of the Columbia River Valley, the Cascade Range and Mount Saint Helens. We will return to Shopko by 6 PM.

Compleat Obsidian Award

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE WITH THE OBSIDIANS? If so, challenge yourself to complete the requirements for the *Compleat Obsidian* award! Nope, that's not a typo. The award is one of several which most Obsidians can achieve (see the by-laws for a list of the others).

To be eligible, you need to participate in all of the following 10 activities within *one calendar year*:

- Winter Trip
- Summer Trip
- Potluck
- Bus Trip
- Extended Trip
- Trail Maintenance
- Summer Camp
- Climbs

Lead one of the above activities or trips
Serve on a committee

So what are you waiting for? Sign up for a ski or snowshoe trip, or better yet, lead one and complete two requirements with one trip! You don't feel that you can do a technical climb? Not to fret, South Sister and St. Helens are two peaks which do not require ropes. Do keep track of the dates because you will have to document your activities.

If you have any questions, ask one of these *compleaters*: Jim Duncan, Janet Jacobsen or Lana Lindstrom.



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OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3/1/2014

Active Members	412
Associate Members	16
Honorary Members	6
Junior Members	9
Life Members	12
Total Members	455

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Summer Trips—Into the Future

Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Chair

MOST OF THE BEST ADVICE I'VE EVER RECEIVED WAS SIMPLE. *Be Prepared* is a good example. A prepared leader is one who knows the trip they plan to lead well enough to anticipate any contingencies that might arise. Numerous problems can be avoided by screening participants for their ability/preparedness level before you meet at the departure point. This is especially true for difficult hikes, or hikes in remote locations. I encourage all leaders to make sure that new participant/members are referred to the online flyer: *General Trips Information*. This *Are you Prepared for an Obsidian Trip* form is available online in the *Members Only* area under *Documents/Summer Trips Leaders Packet* as a printable PDF file.

This year we will not be mailing new leader packets to each and every leader as has been the custom for the past several years. The leader packet is unchanged from the past two seasons. Individual forms, or an entire set of forms can be printed from PDF files available on the Obsidian web site in the *Members Only* area under *Documents*. Once summer season begins, a limited number of hard copies of summer trips leader packets will be available in the green box at the Y.

Summer Trips Committee volunteers will soon be contacting leaders (and new leader prospects) encouraging them to schedule their Obsidian summer trips soon. The summer trips season begins April 1st. Remember to submit all the necessary information when submitting a trip for the

committee to consider for our 2014 schedule. Many of the most popular hikes have templates with basic stats like trail miles and elevation for a typical hike. It is the leader's responsibility to verify that information contained in templates matches the actual hike/route they plan and make adjustments as needed. Otherwise, submit trips to summertrips@obsidians.org and include: leader's name and assistant leader (if you are so lucky), day/date of trip, name of trip, type of trip (hike, backpack, canoe/kayak or other), trail miles, difficulty rating (easy, moderate, difficult), and round trip driving miles. It's pretty much standard fare for experienced leaders.

Other than the distribution of paper, little else has changed this year. Compared to the past two summer seasons, we plan to save about \$150 just in postage.

We also plan to offer leader workshops several times throughout the summer. These workshops are available to answer questions, brainstorm solutions, and offer face-to-face support for leaders, new and old. If you have a date that you know you will be available and would like to attend a workshop please let me know. I will be adding workshops to the schedule in March. You can also call me if you have questions.

Our trip leaders and volunteers define the Obsidians. Thank you for all you do! Our leaders make the Obsidians a great organization ... send those summer trips in soon, and get on the schedule!

50th Anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act

ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1964 PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON SIGNED INTO LAW THE WILDERNESS ACT.

This historic bill established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) and set aside an initial 9.1 million acres of wild lands for the use and benefit of the American people. The Wilderness Society had a major role in passing the 1964 Wilderness Act. Now, 50 years later and as a result of America's support for wilderness, Congress has added over 100 million acres to this unique land preservation system. (USDA Forest Service website)

Charles Clark, Wilderness Resource Steward of Willamette National Forest has contacted Mary Hamilton, chair of the Obsidian Publicity Committee, to meet with other organizations on April 1 to discuss 50th anniversary local events.

How were Obsidians involved? An article in the February

1955 *Bulletin* notes how Obsidians and other organizations united to work on wilderness legislation for the next 44 years:

On the evening of October 9th, 1954, Karl Onthank, chairman of the science committee of the Obsidians, invited his committee and many conservationists from other cities of Oregon to meet at his home to formulate an organization. This organization was to become the "Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area," with Mr. Onthank and Mike Stahl as co-chairmen, Frances Newsom and Doris Sims as co-secretaries, and Ray Sims as treasurer.

Janet Jacobsen will be researching and organizing a series of articles for the *Bulletin* about Obsidians who worked on wilderness legislation. If you have stories that you would like to submit, either contact Janet Jacobsen at 343-8030 or send to bulletin@obsidian.org.

March Board Notes

March 5, 2014

By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Don Colgan, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, Tom Musselwhite, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Keiko Bryan, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Brian Hamilton, Kathy Hoeg, Doug Nelson, and Chris Stockdale.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 2014 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 Leader recruitment and schedule development has started.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): During February we had seven hikes, two snowshoes & one x-ski involving 57 members and 10 nonmembers. Eight trips were cancelled due to snow conditions.

Climbs (Brian Hamilton): Climb School preparations are continuing. Classes begin on Monday, March 31. Fifteen students have registered so far. There is room for five to nine more, depending on skill levels of the students. The Climbs Committee hopes to have the 2014 climb schedule posted online by the end of the month.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in February. We worked independently to clear storm debris from the Ridgeline and Tie trails. We met at the Willamette & 52nd trailhead and hiked in. Our work included clearing drainage ditches, raking duff and debris, and removing storm debris from the trail sides. February Trail Maintenance Participation: One outing in Spencer Butte Park. Fourteen participants consisting of eleven members and three nonmembers worked an estimated 49 hours.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): The Bus Rally, which took place on February 23rd, was attended by 45 people. In appreciation for use of the Lodge for our fall planning sessions and the Bus Rally a donation will be made to the Obsidians general fund.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Summer Camp registration opens March 17 at approximately 7:00 AM. It's limited to the first 100 registrants. Members have preference for the first 48 hours.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Eighteen people attended the mountain geology ExploraTalk.

Publication (Lou Maenz): Publications sent out bulletins with address booklets enclosed to all members.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Buzz Blumm's talk about his trek to the Everest basecamp was attended by 64 people.

Membership (Elle Weaver): The Committee would like to thank Judy Sinnott who is now writing the name tags.

Publicity (Mary Hamilton): Thanks to Chris Stockdale, Joella Ewing and Susan Wanser for newspaper coverage of our trips, ExploraTalks and Potlucks; to Darko Sojak for posting calendars at various locations around town and on Craigslist; and a BIG thank you to Janet Jacobsen for updating the bulletin board at the Y and for sending a photo of it for inclusion in the February issue of the *Bulletin*. The Publicity Committee expects to have a booth and will need volunteers to help during the next two events: *Spring Cling* scheduled for March 15th at Willamalane Center, 1:00-4:00 and *Earth Day Celebration* April 19th 11:00-5:00 at EWEB River Edge Plaza.

Concessions (Patty MacAfee): Items from Concessions annual order have been trickling in.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 2,112 photos in 166 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery, up from 2,094 photos in 164 albums in February. There are now 256 *likes* of our Facebook page, an increase of two from February.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips from the February *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The lodge was rented by Julia Westing for a family gathering on March 1.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The ice and wind storms in mid-February made quite a mess of the Lodge grounds. Several trees were down and many, many branches of all sizes were brought down too. Both driving lanes in the parking areas were blocked. A fir came down parallel to our new storage garage, just missing it by about ten feet. On Sunday, February 16th, we had a work party of ten people working for three hours to clean things up. All the downed trees were cut up and removed. All of the branches and debris were collected and hauled away. Thanks to the following for helping out: Doug Nelson, Larry Dunlap, Dick Hildreth, Joanne Ledet, Gary Kirk, Jim Whitfield, Clara Emlen, Rob Castleberry, Janet Jacobsen and John Jacobsen. A special thanks to Doug, Clara, Jim and Rob for using their pickups to haul the stuff.

Safety (Pat Esch): Safety Committee reviewed another Incident Report. Two Incident Reports will be reported on at the Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

An Ad Hoc Carpooling Committee has been formed to discuss carpooling as it relates to the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Stewart proposed that 100% of 2013 investment income be credited to the Capital/Contingency Fund in recognition of the recent significant reduction in this fund's balance. The Board approved Stewart's recommendation.

Chris Stockdale was approved as a member of the Publicity Committee.

Steve Johnson was approved as the new Chair of the Ad Hoc Construction Committee.

The next Board meeting will be on April 2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Tasty Thai.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camp Bell - Strawberry Mountain Wilderness

Friday, August 1—Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Each camper must register online and complete this registration form.

Please read the information and directions on the reverse side!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

Camp Fees:

Members:	Adults and children ages 12 and above	\$270 (Hardship cases: subtract \$50)
	Children ages 5-11	\$220
	Children under 5	Free
Nonmembers:	Adults and children older than 5	\$300
	Children under 5	Free

Full payment must be included for **each** registration. The cancellation policy is on the reverse side.

Within 5 days of registering online, mail the check payable to **Obsidians, Inc.** to:

Obsidians
Summer Camp Registration
PO Box 51510
Eugene, OR 97405

Is this your first Summer Camp? Yes No

Please indicate your dietary preferences: No restrictions fish & chicken only; no red meat Vegetarian
Note: *No accommodation can be made for dietary needs such as gluten or dairy intolerant.*

Do you plan to stay in a: tent cabin (5-7 persons in each one) vehicle/RV

If you plan to camp in an RV, van or trailer, what type of vehicle is it? *Type* _____ *Length* _____ ft.

Note: Carpooling to Camp is encouraged. When you sign up, please indicate whether or not you want riders or a ride. Individuals are responsible for making their own arrangements.

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.

2014 SUMMER CAMP - REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Complete the front side of this registration form.)

Registration/Deposit: Registration is a three step process:

1) Register **online** at www.obsidians.org (bottom right corner of web page). Online registration begins on **Monday, March 17** at approximately **7:00 AM**.

2) Complete the front side of this form, *one form per person*. Be sure to sign the Release at the bottom.

Members only – Financial Hardship: The Summer Camp Committee expects most members to pay the full registration fee. However, if you need help with the cost, you may subtract \$50 per person. Also, although the Lake Creek facility charges the same price for children as adults, we reduced that cost by \$50. The hardship subsidies will be paid out of Summer Camp reserves.

3) *Within 5 days* of registering online, mail the form with the full amount due. You may submit one check for multiple registrations in the same envelope. Make the check payable to **Obsidians, Inc.** and send it with the Registration Form to:

**Obsidians
Summer Camp Registration
PO Box 51510
Eugene, OR 97405**

Members' preference: Obsidians will have preference for the first 48 hours of registration. Nonmembers will be Wait Listed until Wednesday, March 19.

Waiting List: The Camp is limited to 100 persons. The names over 100 will have a *Wait List* status. If you are on the Waiting List, do not mail a registration form or check until your status changes to *Signed Up*; please monitor the website periodically. Once your status changes, you will have 5 days to mail in your registration and check.

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

- ▶ \$35 is nonrefundable.
- ▶ Registrants who cancel online by June 30 will receive a refund, less the \$35.
- ▶ Registrants who cancel online on or after July 1 will not receive a refund.

Summer Camp Rally: The Rally will be held at the monthly potluck on **Friday, April 25** at the Lodge. The potluck begins at 6:30 PM; the program starts at 7:30 PM.

Booklets: A Camp booklet containing detailed information regarding the site, the hikes, what to bring, etc. will be provided to registrants at the April 25 Rally. Those on the Waiting List will not receive a booklet at this time.

Check-in: Campers are welcome to arrive after 1:00 PM on Friday, August 1. All meals will be provided beginning with dinner the first night and ending with breakfast on the last day.

Questions: **Registrar/Treasurer** – Don Doerr 954-8064
 Camp CEO – Lana Lindstrom 683-1409

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Trip Reports & Other Activities



Ski Trips

Booth Lake Loop
February 16, 2014
Leader & photographer: Sam Miller
Xski: 8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

THIS INTERESTING LOOP OFFERS VARIED BACKCOUNTRY TERRAIN with excellent mountain scenery when the weather is clear. Brisk winds accentuated the cold



temperatures and leaden skies obscured the views. However, we were fortunate to ski fine, powdery snow across a diverse landscape. Smiles and telemark turns were the order of the day. Members: Chrissy Anderson, John Hartman, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Sam Miller, Harold Thompson.



SnowShoe Trips

Diamond/ Salt Creek Falls
February 9, 2014
Leader: Scott Hovis
SShoe: 3.5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

THERE WAS A STRANGE WEATHER PATTERN THE DAY OF OUR TRIP. It was colder in Eugene than at Willamette Pass. One person thought the trail was the best marked trail he had ever seen. For this time of year, having only a foot of packed snow is bad. The drought intensifies! Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Roberta Chord, Scott Hovis, Andrew McIvor. Nonmembers: David Madeira.



Hikes

Sweet Creek
January 25, 2014
Leader: Joe Sanders
Hike: 3 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

NINE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED NEWCOMER BILL MACMASTER. Great weather; the water level in Sweet Creek was low but the falls are always attractive. Lunch afterwards was at Alpha-Bit Cafe, which never disappoints. The atmospheric wood stove at the cafe was off but we didn't need it as the weather was balmy. Members: Patricia Esch, Yuan Hopkins, Brenda Kameenui, Joe Sanders, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Barbara Sutherland, Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Bill MacMaster Sr.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte
January 29, February 5 and 19, 2014
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 6 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: JANUARY 29 - Members: Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Ed Lizewski, Craig Molitor. **FEBRUARY 5** - Members: Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Tom Rundle, Jan Pylar. **FEBRUARY 19** - Members: May Fogg, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Ed Lizewski, Craig Molitor, Gary Spizizen.

Ribbon Trail/Hendricks Park
February 2, 2014
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Tom Musselwhite
Hike: 6.3 miles, 729 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A SNOWDROP WALK through the Masonic Cemetery where we lingered at the monuments for the Hendricks family and Wiley Griffon. Griffon was the mule-drawn streetcar driver before the tracks were laid for the trolley. Wandering through back streets and trails, our next stop was the Obsidian Lodge where a cheerful groundhog greeted us. Junior members, Anna and Autumn, said the magic spells to get him to stay. Anna gave him the name *Morgon*. Anna wrote later, "It's the Sindarin branch of Elvish. It means black stone or obsidian, so I thought it was fitting. It's also relatively easy to pronounce (for Elvish)." Yes, there was a bit of shadow. From there we took the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park and down to 22nd and Columbia to view the

abandoned trolley tracks. Six of us went to the new YMCA cafe for lunch. Join us next year for the 4th annual



Groundhog Day hike. Members: Jane Allen, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Hazel Jones, Holger Krentz, Ed Lichtenstein, Mary Livingston, Tom Musselwhite, Ruth Romoser, Michelle Tambellini. Nonmembers: Cindy Rice, Jerry Jones.

Little Cowhorn Mountain/Jones Trail February 5, 2014

**Leader: Rob Castleberry
Photographer: Keiko Bryan
Hike: 4 miles, 900 ft. (Easy)**

A HIKE TO A 4,200 FOOT MOUNTAINTOP IN EARLY FEBRUARY? Much easier in a year of drought. Despite chilling weather forecasts and the possibility of clouds and bitter cold, we set off up the 1817 Road from Fall Creek after



dropping off a shuttle car. Soon we were in fresh snow as we drove twelve miles to the Little Cowhorn trailhead. Fortunately, it didn't get any deeper than about five inches. Fresh powder draped the trees and dramatic rock formations on the way to the summit, where blue sky with a fringe of clouds greeted us at the lookout. We basked in the sunshine, enjoying the views. The lookout was in good condition after resto-

ration a few years ago. It was unlocked with some furnishings for lunch setup. Mari initiated cleanup of accumulated garbage, and we dismantled a crude grill/hearth that posed a fire hazard. The trip had originally involved descending the Jones Trail 6.5 miles to Bedrock Campground, but after an extended stay on top and the prospect of driving back up through snow to get the shuttle, a moderate hike became an easy one. We drove back down the mountain and walked a couple miles along the Fall Creek Trail before returning to the valley. Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Rob Castleberry, Mary Livingston, Craig Molitor.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail

January 25, 2014

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S FIRST **OUTING** met at the Willamette and 52nd trailhead before continuing a short distance up the trail to meet with Josh



and Christer of EPOS. After introductions and a short outline of the day's projects, we grabbed shovels and hoes and headed up to the switchbacks to continue our work to improve that section of the Ridgeline Trail. Clara, Roberta, and Autumn worked to clear the ditch in the raised turnpike section and planted ferns along the sides of the culvert's outlet trench to make it look more natural. Janet, Marsha, Dave, and Nancy worked hard improving the tread, spreading gravel, and cleaning up drainage features in the lower section of the switchback. Todd, Dan, and Bob worked to add rocks and ferns to the second corner in the switchback to help to prevent people and pets from short-cutting it. Ed and Ron were aided by Autumn and Trenton in removing stones and cleaning up spoils as they worked to lengthen and improve the drainage ditch at the third switchback. Members: Marsha

Barr, Matthew Bell, Roberta Chord, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Clara Emlen, Bob Foster, Dan Gilmore, Ronald Green, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Ed Lizewski, Dave Predeek. Nonmembers: Nancy Green.



Byways By Bus

The Bus Rally
February 23, 2014
Chair: Liz Reanier
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

AFTER BEING CANCELLED ON FEBRUARY 9TH due to the unexpected snow and ice storm, *The Rally* finally happened on February 23. Our thanks to John Jacobsen and the grounds crew for having the driveway and parking areas so well cleaned. There were 45 people in attendance; for some



this was their first look at the Lodge. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments, and all were attentive listeners to the trip presentations. Initial sign-up for bus trips is encouraging, however there is room for more riders on all trips. We appreciated having the Concessions Committee displaying their Obsidians merchandise.

2014 Obsidian Bus Trip Schedule



More Food III

Date: June 18 (Wednesday)
Leader: Mary Ellen West
Cost: \$45 (\$47 nonmembers) Janet Speelman 344-3019

Mt. St. Helens, NW Trek Wildlife Park

Dates: July 15-16 (Tues—Wed)
Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth & Bill Arthur
Cost: \$180 (\$184 nonmembers) Barbara Payne 746-1964

Back to the Coast

Date: August 13 (Wednesday)
Leader: Mary Ellen West
Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers) to Janet Speelman 344-3019

Oregon History: Men (Families) & Machines

Date: September 11 (Thursday)
Leader: Mary Ellen West
Cost: \$55 (\$57 nonmembers) Janet Speelman 344-3019

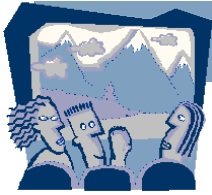
Fall Color in the Cascades

Date: October 8 (Wednesday)
Leaders: Bill Arthur, Barbara & Paul Beard
Cost: \$45 (\$47 nonmembers) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

Christmas Lights at River Forks Park

Date: December 2 (Tuesday)
Leader: Verna Kocken
Cost: \$57 (\$59 nonmembers) Liz Reanier 687-1925

At The Lodge



POTLUCK

Friday, March 28

Walk Across England

CAL AND DORIS PULIS will talk about their 192-mile coast to coast walk across England. Wikipedia states that “in 2004 the walk was named as the second-best walk in the world according to a survey of experts.” The trail stretches from St. Bees on the Irish Sea to Robin Hoods Bay on the North Sea and passes through three National Parks.



March Potluck

Friday, March 28, 2014

Social hour 6 PM, 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.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, March 18 at 7 PM

Birding Along I-5 from San Francisco to Seattle

HARRY FULLER WILL TAKE US ON A VIRTUAL TOUR of good birding spots along the I-5 corridor between Seattle and San Francisco, on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 PM at the Lodge.

His book, *Freeway Birding*, concentrates on locations within a 20-minute drive of a freeway exit. Locations include everything from country roads to city parks to national wildlife refuges. The bird diversity along this route is prodigious.

White-winged scoters, red-breasted mergansers, white-headed woodpeckers, both magpie species and great gray owls can all be seen not far from I-5. Fuller will have copies of *Freeway Birding* to sell and sign.

Harry Fuller is a professional birding guide who lives in Ashland, Oregon, and leads numerous birding trips along the I-5 corridor. He is president of the board of directors for Klamath Bird Observatory and co-founder of Partnership for International Birding based in Denver.



Upcoming

McKenzie Memories

Friday, April 4th, 2014 from 6–8:30 PM

Cozmic Pizza—199 West 8th Ave in Eugene

Tickets: \$10, a fundraiser for the McKenzie River Trust

Join the McKenzie River Trust for another unforgettable paddle down memory lane with storytelling, music, rare historic films and photographs. The evening will kick off with live acoustic music. Then Dave Helfrich will share early family stories as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Helfrich family up the McKenzie. Also, learn about the evolution of the McKenzie wooden drift boat with historian and author Roger Fletcher, and hear river stories presented by the University of Oregon Environmental Leadership Program. Randy Dersham will be our guide for the evening.

This event has sold out two years running, so buy your tickets today! For more information and to purchase tickets: mckenzieriver.org/events/mckenzie-memories/

For more information about McKenzie Memories contact Brandi Ferguson, Development Manager at 345-2799 or brandi@mckenzieriver.org

Trillium Alert: Lead a Wildflower Hike

Janet Jacobson (photo: Tom Musselwhite)

THE TRILLIUM LEAVES WERE JUST BEGINNING TO APPEAR on the Ridgeline Trail on February 26. After snow and ice, it is time to schedule a hike to enjoy the trillium and other wildflowers. If you don't have a favorite spring hike, use *The Report Page* on our website to find an optimum time to lead a trillium hike. For example, if you type in Sweet Creek or Kentucky Falls, you will find April trip reports that rave about trillium and the diversity of wildflowers. If that doesn't entice you, search for Brice Creek, Larison Rock, Trestle Creek Falls, or the McKenzie River Trail. These hikes are the trillium gems for April and perhaps May.



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Obsidian Calendar

March

- 12 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen** 343-8030
- 15 Sat **Baldy Hike M Jacobsen**..... 343-8030
- 18 Tue **Monroe/Alpine/Finley Bus Kocken** 736-5180
- 18 Tue **Freeway Birding**..... **ExploraTalk**
- 22 Sat **Solve Beach Cleanup Hike E Ewing** 344-9197
- 23 Sun **Whale Watch Water E Ewing** 344-9197
- 26 Wed **Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen** 343-8030
- 28 Fri **Hiking in England** **Potluck**
- 29 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell**..... 503-884-8829
- 30 Sun **Ridgeline Trail Hike M Jacobsen**..... 343-8030

April

- 4 Fri **Crater Lake Ski/SS Stockdale**..... 767-3668
- 6 Sun **Death Valley Bus Beard**..... 994-2337
- 15 Tue **Conserving Oregon** **ExploraTalk**
- 25 Fri **Summer Camp Rally** **Potluck**
- 26 Sat **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell**..... 503-884-8829

May

- 13 Tue **Portland Chinese Garden Bus Cutsforth**.. 746-4929
- 16 Fri **French Glen Extended Trip Camp** 685-1964
- 27 Tue **Kalapuya** **ExploraTalk**
- 28 Wed **Spencer Butte Trail Maint M Bell** 503-884-8829
- 30 Fri **Trip Through Scotland** **Potluck**

June

2014 Canyon De Chelly Trips with Chemeketans

May 18 (Sun)–May 24 (Sat)—full

May 25 (Sun)–May 31 (Sat)—full

Aug 24 (Sun)–Aug 30 (Sat)—open

BASE CAMP IN BEAUTIFUL CANYON DE CHELLY, hike 6–10 miles a day, with elevation +/- of 1,200', see cliff dwellings of Anasazi and native rock art of Anasazi/Ute/Hopi/Navajo, become acquainted with four generations of a Navajo family and share potluck and maybe sweat with them, be surrounded by the quiet beauty of patina-covered red rock canyon walls, turquoise blue sky with white clouds, green riparian areas, see dramatic scattered high desert flora, and sleep with canyon walls providing crystal clear views of starry night skies. Call or email interest. Hardin King, 503-845-9340, hardinking@hotmail.com



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