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Dates to Remember

July 28	ExploraTalk
August 29	Bulletin deadline
September 2	Board Meeting

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

Reminder:

The *Bulletin* is not published in August. The next *Bulletin* will come out in September.

Women's Siltcoos Station Kayak

September 9–11 (Wednesday–Friday)

Leader: Pat Esch

Cost: \$70 (\$75 nonmembers)

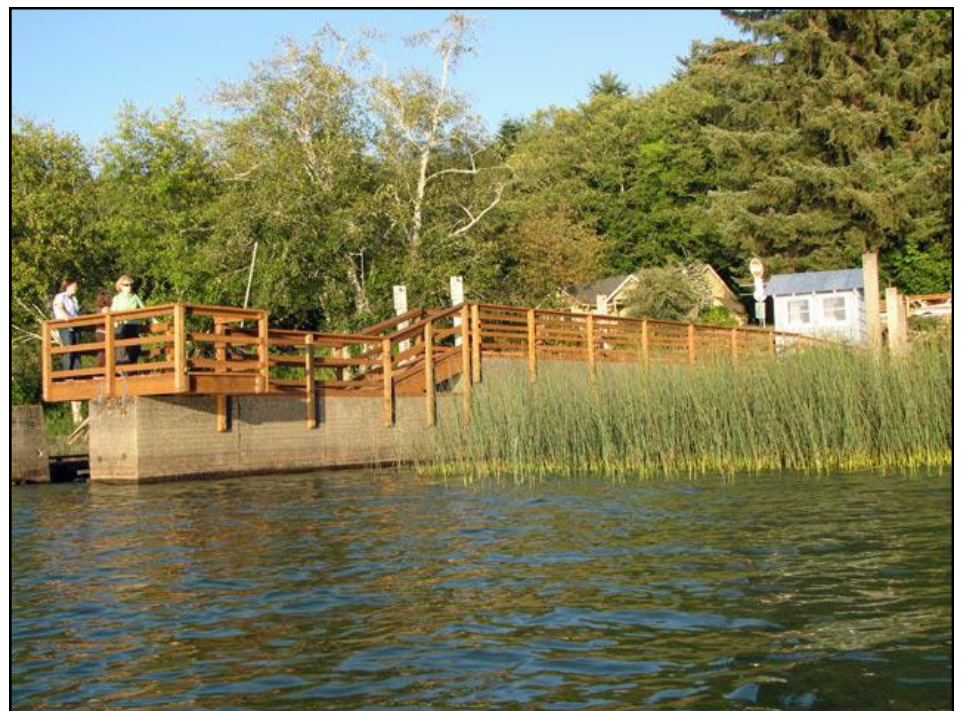
AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. Instead of going east, this trip is going west—to paddle at the coast. And instead of the usual camping, we will be staying in the cabins at LCC's Siltcoos Station on Siltcoos Lake out of Florence. Each cabin has a kitchen and bath. Three cabins have one queen and a pullout, and one cabin has a queen and two bunk beds in a separate room. We will discuss sleeping arrangements at the pre-trip meeting. And there is a boat house right on the lake for potluck dinners.

Paddling possibilities are: the Siltcoos River to the sea, Cleawox Lake in Honeyman State Park, Woahink Lake, plus others. Signups will open July 17 at approximately 7 AM and will be limited to members only for the first 48 hours.

Within five days of signing up, send a check payable to the Obsidians for the full amount to: Pat Esch, 1555 Monterey Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. This trip is limited to 12 persons.

Cancellation policy: \$20 is nonrefundable. If you cancel by August 14, the balance will be refunded. No refunds after August 15.

Pre-trip is August 17 at 7 PM at the lodge. We will discuss everything.



Birth

BETSY AND MATT BELL HAVE WELCOMED A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY—their son Oliver has a new brother, Nathaniel Curtis Bell, born June 9. There may be a new youngest Obsidian member once Matt takes him on a few outings.

Thanks to Lana and Richard

THIRTY-SEVEN HIKERS WERE SO FORTUNATE that Lana Lindstrom and Richard Hughes discovered the perfect place on Orcas Island for an extended trip and then arranged with the June weather gods for sunny weather. The locals told us that we were lucky to have the sunny days since summer weather doesn't usually start until July 5. It was effortless to start the day with Richard's coffee and then head out to kayak, bicycle, hike, or swim; returning to camp for Mandy and Scott's amazing dinners. At the last campfire, a *knocked yourself out* card was presented to Lana for giving good times to all.

Welcome New Members

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Board meetings are held at 6 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting, and no meeting in August.

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Upcoming Bus Trips



More Food IV

Date: July 16 (Thursday)

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$50 (\$52 nonmembers)

Reservations/checks: Janet Speelman 344-3019

VISIT MORE WILLAMETTE VALLEY FOOD PRODUCERS—
always a fun and educational trip.

- Groundwork Organics—fresh from the farm produce.
- Camas Country Mill—variety of legume and grain products.
- Lavender Lakes Farm—learn all about lavender.
- Willamette Valley Cheese—many kinds of cheese.
- Last but not least, a surprise stop.
- Bring a sack lunch and (optional) a cooler for shopping.

Fun at Yellowstone & Jackson Hole

Date: Sept 13—19 (Sunday - Saturday)

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Cost: \$1,124 (\$1,138 non) Barbara Payne 746-1964

EACH YEAR THE BUS COMMITTEE SCHEDULES A MULTI-DAY TRIP. Our destination this year is Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons. Yellowstone, with its unique geological features, is one of the most beautiful and unusual landscapes in the world. Jackson, Wyoming sits near the base of the Grand Tetons with spectacular views of the mountains. Elevations in Yellowstone range from 5,000 – 8,000 feet.

The Top Ten Reasons for going on this fun-filled trip are:

- 7 days / 6 nights—travel on luxury motor coach with skilled driver.
- Visit Craters of the Moon National Monument.
- Tour Yellowstone National Park with experienced local guide.

- Two nights lodging in the park, Canyon Village western style cabins.
- Float trip on the Snake River.
- Ride Big Red Aerial Tram to top of Rendezvous Mountain, 11,000 ft.
- Bar-T-5 Covered Wagon Cookout & Show.
- Two nights in Jackson, WY and a free afternoon to explore this quaint town.
- Travel through Teton Pass and Pine Creek Pass to Swan Valley, ID.
- Visit Idaho Potato Museum at Blackfoot, ID.

We are excited about this trip and there is space available for more people.

Here is what fellow Obsidian, Holger Krentz has to say about extended bus trips:

Alice and I have been on the previous two extended bus trips and have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, from the comfortable bus ride, the fun and knowledgeable bus drivers (who are not afraid to take us off the beaten path), the variety of very interesting places we've visited and all the unique activities throughout the week. The bus committee does an incredible job of organizing the whole event and as members of the trip, we never have to worry about all the little details, they have it all planned out in advance. That makes for a very relaxing but exciting and busy week for us, and the upcoming trip looks to be more of the same.

For more information or a detailed itinerary contact: Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929.

Limited space available—reserve soon.

Fall Color-North Santiam & Breitenbush Rivers

Date: Oct 8 (Thursday)

Leaders: Paul and Barbara Beard

Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers) Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

Christmas Party at the Lodge

Date: Dec 3 (Thursday) 2–4 PM

Desserts and entertainment

Contact: Liz Reanier 687-1925

Cost: \$1 (at the door)

Bus trip information is also available on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information at: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

July Board Notes

By Susan Wanser

President Matt Bell called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Pat Esch, Laurie Funkhouser, Shellie Robertson, Susan Wanser and Elle Weaver. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Todd Larsen, Lou Maenz and Maryanne Reiter.

The Board approved the minutes of the June 2015 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 (John Cooper): From April 1 to June 26 73 trips were scheduled with 68 completed. Participants included 465 members and 70 nonmembers. Fifty trips remain to be completed.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There were five climbs scheduled in June resulting in four trips. Alex Ellis led an impressive three summit trip in three days with Broken Top, South Sister and Middle Sister done in one push. The other trips include Mount Washington, South Sister and the currently in-progress trip to Mount Whitney led by Brian Hamilton.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park. We worked to cut back vegetation from along the Tie and Ridgeline trails.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): Lana Lindstrom led a successful trip to Camp Moran on Orcas Island June 20—25. Thirty-nine people attended and enjoyed a variety of activities including hiking, sea kayaking, bicycling, and exploring San Juan Island.

Conservation, Science & Education (Tom Musselwhite): Twenty-one people attended the June ExploraTalk presented by Tom Giesen on the subject of global warming.

Publication (Lou Maenz): Publications mailed the *Bulletin* to 208 recipients.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Thirty-five people attended Maryanne Reiter's excellent presentation about her recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Currently there are 458 members: 420 Active, 14 Associate, 6 Honorary, 7 Junior and 11 Life.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): The Ridgeline Trail Celebration was held on June 6. Thanks to the Bell family, Roberta Chord and granddaughter Autumn, Dave and Carla Cooper, Mary Hamilton, Jorry Rolfe and Darko Sojak for helping with the table display, the Ridgeline hike and Matt's inter-

pretive hike to the top of the Butte. It's tough to keep the Y Bulletin Board updated and exciting for the rest of the summer. Darko has offered to print and post photos of recent hikes. We encourage committees to post flyers of upcoming activities such as backpacks, extended trips, climbs, or hikes.

Concessions (Laurie Funkhouser): Concessions attended the June ExploraTalk, Potluck and Orcas Island. Since there is a hiatus from potlucks in July and August, please contact our committee (sales@obsidians.org) regarding any upcoming events that Concessions would be welcome to attend.

Online (Wayne Deeter): There are now 5,212 photos in 365 albums in the Obsidian photo gallery. From our Facebook page maintainers (Shellie and Marci, Marci reporting): We get a lot of likes when I post pictures from Obsidian climbs the week after they happen.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the trips and activities printed in the May *Bulletin* have been recorded.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): A couple work parties were held during the month. June 5—Mowing, weed whacking and general cleanup. Thanks to Rob Castleberry, Brenda Kameenui and Jim Whitfield for their help. I believe I have missed someone who was there but my mind is blank. June 23—Mowing and general cleanup in prep for the upcoming Potluck. Thanks to Jim Whitfield for his help. Clara Emlen continues to periodically work on maintaining the beds around the Lodge and other things. Thanks Clara.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved five applicants for new membership.

The Board approved Darlene Mancuso as a new Concession committee member.

Matt reminded Committee chairs to think about special recognition awards that will be presented at the Annual meeting on Oct. 9.

Matt also reminded the Board that any requested changes to the Constitution need to be presented at the September Board meeting so they can be included in the September *Bulletin* and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Matt will present a draft of general expectations of new board members at the September board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The meeting adjourned for food at the Jacobsen's home.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

May 27, 2015

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Jan Jacobsen

Trail Maintenance: 3 miles, 500 feet (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS met at the Willamette and 52nd trailhead for the first Wednesday evening outing of our summer schedule—we meet on Wednesday nights during



the summer so our outings won't conflict with all of the more exciting weekend trips we're all going on! Our group of lopper, handclipper, handsaw, and machete-wielding volunteers hiked up along the Ridgeline Trail and 1/3 of the way up the Tie Trail cutting, slicing, and dicing back overhanging brush from the trail sides. We hiked out and enjoyed some well-deserved cookies and lemonade—trailmaintainers snacks of choice—in the parking lot. Members: Matthew Bell, David Cooper, Dan Gilmore, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen.



Bike Trips

Dorris Ranch/Clearwater Park

May 29, 2015

Leader: Peter Graham

Bike: 26.2 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

ALUCKY SEVEN BICYCLISTS departed Dorris Ranch on a perfect day for a pleasurable ride along the new Clearwater trail. We enjoyed stellar views of the middle fork of the Willamette River. Linking up to the old Weyerhaeuser road, we

experienced further panoramas of Pleasant Hill. After lunch at idyllic Jasper County Park, a seemingly underused but not unappreciated site, we returned to our starting point. This marathon ride of 26.2 miles was a real delight. Members: Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Don Kindt, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Steve Hennes.

Parvin Covered Bridge

June 5, 2015

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 25 miles, 250 ft. (Moderate)

WHEN THE EIGHT RIDERS CAME TOGETHER IN PLEASANT HILL, each was asked to state his/her name and their favorite way to eat eggs. The responses ranged from cake to deviled eggs with the usual egg dishes in-between. After this fantasy breakfast, we rode Ridgeway Road past the back door to Mt. Pisgah, to Jasper Bridge over the Willamette, past Jasper Park and Elijah Bristow Park, crossed Highway 58, through Dexter and out to Parvin Covered Bridge. We lingered in the shade before returning to Elijah Bristow Park to eat lunch. It was warmer when we started our trip than it was later in the morning because a breeze came up. There were several shade stops along the way. The Ore-colored cows were out, some riders saw a deer running in the grass along the road and there were many fields of white daisies. Members: Barbara Aten, Anne Bonine, Patricia Esch, Don Kindt, Jack O'Donnell, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Joe Sanders, Steve Hennes.



Water Trips

Coyote Creek

May 9, 2015

Leader: Tom Musselwhite

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Canoe: 5 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

OUR RENDEZVOUS AND DEPARTURE WAS SWIFT and on time. Everyone seemed experienced handling their equipment and worked well together handling larger canoes and gear. We were on the water and underway by 9:45 AM. The paddle from the put-in on Cantrell Road to the reservoir is a meandering channel under mostly tall Oregon white oaks, and Oregon ash. Pretty this time of year; verdant green contrasting with more subtle greens and grays in the mosses. Once out into the reservoir, the landscape opens up with a few old snags providing perches for bald eagles, fish hawks, and others. A symphony of varied bird songs emanated from the reeds, rushes and other aquatic plants that dominate out in the open. After a

relaxing 20-minute floating lunch, we turned back. On the return we encountered three more parties of boaters—busy



already this year. Our seven happy boaters were on the road home by 1:00 PM on this, the first 80-degree day of 2015. Members: Keiko Bryan, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Tom Musselwhite. Nonmembers: Crystal Warsop, Alice Krentz.

Coyote Creek/Gibson Island

May 28, 2015

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Kayak: (Moderate)

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO TODAY, the Sierra Club was organized in San Francisco. The occupants of six kayaks celebrated by spending a fabulous three hours on Coyote Creek and Fern Ridge Lake communing with nature. We saw and heard lots of different birds—Caspian and black terns, yellow-headed blackbirds, white pelicans, purple martens, swallows, two eagles, and one osprey. The highlight was seeing two short-eared owls! It was a special day with special friends! Members: Jan Anselmo, John Cooper, Ken Kodama, Lana Lindstrom, Patricia MacAfee. Nonmembers: Carol Carver.

Whale Watch

June 7, 2015

Leader: Joella Ewing

Photographer: Darko Sojak

ExploraTalk: 0 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)



WHALE AT 2:00! WHALE at 9:00! WHALE at 6:00! We saw at least three whales multiple times—blowing, sounding, breaching, and one flipped his or her fluke at us. Four years in a row, we've had good weather, but no whale sightings. This time we had perfect weather *and* whales. The ocean glittered like diamonds, and four-foot swells rocked the boat just enough for a little excitement now and then. Our usual charter was unable to sail so referred us to Marine Discovery Tours. And what a discovery they were for us! The cost per person was \$36 rather than the former \$30, but the additional cost paid for a naturalist on board, who added greatly to the experience. For example, the naturalist had the children throw a couple of floats followed by crab traps overboard at the beginning and haul them in near the end. She also had them throw out a net with a catch basin to harvest some plankton, which the kids helped her sieve so she could magnify it on a large screen for a short plankton education. Each of the crab traps caught five crabs of varying kinds, sizes and sexes, which presented another educational opportunity. Everyone wanted to learn how to hold a crab by the two hind legs so they can't pinch. Ice cream completed a perfect day on the ocean. Members: Nancy Allender, Steve Cordon, Joella Ewing, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Michelle Cordon, Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau.



Climbs

Mt. Hood

May 16, 2015

Leader: Maryanne Reiter, Ass't: Danneille Harris

Climb: 7.2 miles, 5,200 feet

THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE MOUNT HOOD CLIMB was not exactly inspiring. Still, we went for it since there have been times when it is cloudy or foggy all around the mountain, but clear up high. This was the case early Sunday morning when we headed up. As we drove up after 2:00 AM, we popped out from under the fog blanket and into a starry sky. By 2:45 we set off and made our way up to the Hogsback. From the Hogsback, there are a few ways to go—Old Chute or the Pearly Gates are the most common. I planned to go via the Pearly Gates but wanted to make the final call when we got there depending on conditions. The route looked good with steps already kicked in so we made our way around the bergschrund (a crevasse where the snow pulls away from the mountain) and up into the steep chute. We slowly made our way through the steep area and to the summit. The high winds cut celebratory time short plus the greatest challenge lay ahead—getting down safely. Danni Harris did a great job of leading down through the chute and setting protection in case of a fall. All teams carefully down-climbed and we regrouped back on the Hogsback. Then we unroped, took off our crampons, and glissaded down the

ridge. We returned to Timberline roughly 12 hours after we started, tired but happy over our success. Five of the climbers had just completed Basic Climb School in April and this was their first big roped climb. They were all well prepared and did great climbing, but where they really excelled was in bringing summit treats! There was chocolate to share—an extremely important mountaineering skill that will get them invited on many future climbs. Members: Danneille Harris, Marge Huseman, Bob Kaminski, Chris Melton, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Kana Moll, Kellie Green, Sam Westerfield, Jeffrey Leanse.

Diamond Peak—Graduation Climb

May 16, 2015

Leader: Juli McGlinsky, Assistant: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 feet (Difficult)

OUR UPBEAT GROUP OF PRIMARILY CLIMB SCHOOL GRADUATES left from the South Eugene High School parking lot at 6:00 AM. Despite drizzly, gray conditions, we donned our Gore-Tex and hit the trail a little after 8:00. Finding the route was easy with no snow on the trail, all the way to the junction where we left the trail. From there, the group headed east and up over rock mixed with sporadic patches of snow. A few members of the group elected to stay and practice travel on these steep and slippery conditions while the other members pushed for the summit. It wasn't until we left the tree line and gained the ridge that we began to travel on snow. We celebrated our decision not to pack skis or snowshoes! With such minimal visibility, we did not take the most direct route to the false summit. None-the-less, we reached the actual summit around 1:00, and enjoyed the glory of our lunches and each other's company since there were absolutely no views. We managed to find enough snow for a few mini-glissades on the way down and reached the cars around 5:00. I felt truly lucky to lead such a positive, team-focused group of climb graduates. Special thanks to Laurie Monico and Brian Hamilton for their contributions to a great day. Members: Brian Hamilton, Juli McGlinsky. Nonmembers: Laurie Monico, Genefer McKittrick, Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Becky Harrison, Nathan Perlmutter.

Diamond Peak—Graduation Climb

May 24, 2015

Leader: Bruce Tufts

Photographer: Kerry Edinger

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 feet (Difficult)

WE ASSEMBLED AT THE PIONEER GULCH TRAILHEAD under a cloudy sky on a quiet Sunday for a 9:00 AM departure. The first mile and a half was uphill along the access trail to the Corrigan Lake/Summit Lake trail. At the junction, we set off bushwhacking to the ridge to guide us to the false summit. At about 7,000 feet we emerged from the clouds into a beautiful sun/blue sky day. We were soon scrambling up rocks in our t-shirts. At the false summit, we traversed the exposed knife edge of the ridge north to the true summit, arriving before 1:30. We had a celebratory lunch and photo session on the summit, before the four-mile descent to the trailhead. It was a beautiful day, though the diminished snow made the climb a little longer, and high clouds

to the south hid some of the Cascade peaks usually visible from Diamond Peak. A strong, great group provided many hours of pleasant conversation as we climbed and descended Diamond Peak. Thanks to Todd Larsen, our pathfinder. Members: Todd Larsen, Chris Melton, Bruce Tufts. Nonmembers: Liz Hurkes, Trina Kanewa, Kerry Edinger, Pete Frost.



Smith Rock

May 30, 2015

Leader: Maryanne Reiter
Climb

WE ARRIVED AT SMITH ROCK STATE PARK on Saturday morning and headed to our primary destination called *Rope de Dope*. However, the Boy Scouts had completely occupied it so we moved on to other objectives. Maryanne and Danni set up top ropes for the participants and everyone had fun challenging themselves on the climbs that had colorful names such as *Phone Call from Satan*. It was fairly hot, but due to the cloud cover we were able to persevere with climbing in the sun. After a full day on Saturday, we camped at Steelhead Falls; a beautiful unimproved BLM campground near Crooked River ranch. On Sunday, we hit it early and did a multi-pitch route which brought us to the top of the rock. To get down, it took a double rope rappel, meaning we tied two ropes together and rappelled off—very exciting, especially when you are hanging free and not touching the wall. After that, we desperately needed to get out of the sun so went back to *Rope de Dope* and finished the day in the shade. Members: Danneille Harris, Rick Harris, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Hayden Banks, Kerry Edinger, Sarah Kylo.

Mt. Thielsen

May 30, 2015

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 11 miles, 3,800 feet

WE MET EARLY TO CARPOOL OUT OF EUGENE and were on the trail by 7:00 AM. The mosquitos didn't let us take much of a break until getting close to the PCT junction. Despite a couple of initially semi-threatening clouds, things cleared up for our summit around 11:00. A great group got to put their climb

school lessons to practice for fixed lines and rappels. On the descent, we saw our first signs of other people on the mountain and the mosquitos apparently had their fill of us on our way up because they were not to be seen. We found a restaurant in the town of Crescent that has the best chicken gizzards around. Members: Chris Melton, Richard Partridge, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Trina Kanewa, Daniel Phillips.

Mt. Washington Graduation Climb

June 6, 2015

Leader: Brian Hamilton, Assistant: Juli McGlinsky

Photographer: Brian Hamilton

Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 feet

SEVEN RECENT GRADUATES OF OUR SPRING CLIMB SCHOOL put their skills to practice on this climb. For most of them, this was their first experience with steep snow travel, following a fixed rope up steep rock with climbing moves rated at 5.7, multiple rappels, and descent on a steep, loose scree slope. We left the trailhead under a moonlit sky at 4:45 AM and all reached the summit by 2:20. On the various roped pitches, we took time to refresh what the climbers had learned



in class. It was sunny and mild on top, with very little wind, and we had the entire mountain to ourselves. The climbers were enthusiastic and had great attitudes, making for a fun climb. Assistant Leader Juli McGlinsky's patience and encouragement were invaluable as she helped set up rappels off the Nose. We returned to the trailhead at 10:00 PM, followed by celebratory glasses of cold, sparkling cider for all. Members: Brian Hamilton, Juli McGlinsky. Nonmembers: Trina Kanewa, Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Kana Moll, Kellie Green, Sam Westerfield, Kerry Edinger.



Hikes

Brice Creek/ Trestle Falls

May 3, 2015

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 11 miles, 1,600 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A WALK ALONG THE CREEK. The sun was shining, illuminating the rocks and the water. The scenery was just stunning. See the online Gallery for photos. Several of us commented that we were



so grateful that we lived in Oregon! We started at the Cedar Creek parking lot and then hiked up to Upper Trestle Creek Falls going counterclockwise on the falls loop, and then back to the cars, which made for a relatively easy 11-mile hike. There were still lots of trillium and calypso orchids in bloom, although the irises and oxalis had already appeared as well. The huge old-growth cedar and Douglas firs supported lots of ferns and moss, and protected us from the sun. It was fun to visit with old friends and to make new ones. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Lynda Christiansen, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Barbara Gunther, Lana Lindstrom, Nola Nelson, Chris Stockdale, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: David Strutin, Jacque Fern.

Tamolitch Pool

May 16, 2015

Leader: Guy Strahon

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 4.2 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, a dozen hikers took off up the McKenzie for an easy hike to the Tamolitch Pool. We were

not alone on this short hike—there were lots of people of all ages and several dogs (a few on leashes). It was especially nice to see so many young hikers. We even encountered some Ob-sidians on the trail. We met Steve Johnson's group coming



down the trail as we went up. It was fun to see this hearty bunch that still had a long day ahead. The day was overcast and it even sprinkled a little at the pool. Despite the weather, one of our own decided to take a swim! He dove in from the beach down below, but wisely didn't linger very long. In fact, he came out almost faster than he entered! As we headed back to our cars after lunch it started to sprinkle. We did encounter several mountain bikers, coming and going back, and LOTS of people. We counted about 50 cars in the parking lot when we returned to our cars. The experience was very pleasant—it was a good day. Members: Barbara Aten, Roberta Chord, Holger Krentz, Judy Ness, Karla Rusow, Darko Sojak, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Lucy Nelson, Mary Marshall, Greg Gumbs, Kimberly Ewing.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte **May 20, 2015 through June 17, 2015** **Leader: Janet Jacobsen** **Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)**

THE HIKERS BY DATE WERE: MAY 20—Members: David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Bob Johnson, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield. **MAY 27**—Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Philip Johnston. **JUNE 3**—Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Caralynn Judy. **JUNE 10**—Members: David Cooper, Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Nancy Whitfield, Tommy Young. **JUNE 17**—Members: Hilary Fisher, Barbara Gunther, Richard Hughes, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Mike Smith, Martha Welches, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Austin Mills.

Mt. Pisgah (West Side) **May 21, 2015** **Leader: Don Colgan** **Hike: 6.8 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)**

THERE WERE THREE OF US for this very enjoyable hike. We completed the seven mile (or so) loop in about three hours. We saw a lot of birds, a coyote, two snakes and at least two bunnies. We commented many times on how blessed we are to have such an excellent system of trails right here in our own backyard. There are definitely some muddy segments along the way but certainly not to the extent you might expect this time of year. Members: Roberta Chord, Don Colgan. Nonmembers: Roland Hanselmann.

Heceta Head **May 22, 2015** **Leader: Pat Soussan** **Photographer: Carla Cooper** **Hike: 6.5 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)**

OUR GROUP OF TEN set off along the beach at low tide with cloudy skies that continued all day, but no wind or rain. We soon came upon a multitude of washed up veleva, commonly known as purple sails or by-the-wind sailors, as well as a lone



starfish. At Heceta Head lighthouse where we stopped for lunch, six of our group decided to take the tour. Half-eaten sandwiches were quickly stuffed back into packs as no food was allowed in the lighthouse and they agreed that the tour was worth postponing their lunch. Unfortunately, the Valley Trail that was to be our return route was closed so we returned down the Hobbit Trail and along the beach. The new numbered emergency signs were very visible on the beach as we approached the trailhead for the Hobbit Trail and Washburne day use parking lot. These signs help visitors identify their location to emergency responders who can tie the number to a GPS location as well as the closest beach access point. Thanks to Dave Predeek for sharing his knowledge about the Sitka spruce, ferns and other plants along the trail, and to Jane Hackett for driving and for her keen navigation skills. Members: Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, David Lodeesen, Brian Popowsky, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Steve Hennes, Mary Marshall.

Mt. Pisgah Swing Trail

May 23, 2015

Leader: Roberta Chord, Asst.: Chyanne Edwards

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL HIKE with several veteran trip leaders giving us their support. It was a cloudy day, but an exceptionally nice day for a hike. After the little rain



storm we had the night before, I was very surprised how dry the trail was except for one little bog on the north side of Trail #3. We took a short water break at the swing and viewed the beautiful valley below us. We continued our hike through lush woods and a meadow with a small Oak Savannah. This is a great little hike to get your blood flowing and your heart pumping. Chyanne had several compliments on her leadership skills and how she would make a good hike leader. She remembered the first rule of thumb by stopping at each trail intersection, waiting for the group to catch up, and taking a head count to make sure everyone was present. Good job, Chyanne! Members: Roberta Chord, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Jan Pylar, Darko Sojak, Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Michael Heidelberg, Ean Estes, Mary Marshall.

McKenzie River (Clear Lake to Trail Bridge)

May 24, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 13 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

TWO PEOPLE CANCELED so the rest of us modified the trip. Five jumped into one car and took off for the trailhead east of Clear Lake. On a cool overcast day, we started on the trail around Clear Lake. Not thinking this was Memorial Day weekend, we were met by a large group of bike riders from San Jose. Later, they passed us doing their best to stay upright on the rocky trail. We got the impression they had not ridden on that kind of

surface before. We hiked between large family groups with dogs and bike riders down to Carmen Diversion dam and had lunch along the trail. We crossed the bridge at Carmen Diversion and took the trail back toward Clear Lake. Once again, it was an uphill hike against large families with dogs and bikes. Members: Barbara Gunther, Jane Hackett, Becky Lipton. Nonmembers: Michelle Blackwell, Nancy Allender.

Masonic Cemetery/Hendricks Loop

May 25, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 4.5 miles, 387 ft. (Easy)

WE MET AT 11:15 AM at the main gate of the Masonic Cemetery to read the kiosk signs and then walked the trail to discover bits and pieces of Eugene history. Some saw the inside of Hope Abbey for the first time. Volunteers shared cake and beverages. At 12:00 we heard Veteran Adrian Valler play *Taps* in the Public Square. It was an intimate gathering filled with emotion. From there we walked on back streets to the Laurelwood Golf Course, where we took a side trail to Central and a connecting trail to the Obsidian Lodge. Trent spotted two deer in the Open Space area. Clara Emlen just happened to be working on the grounds and opened the Obsidian Lodge for us to use the bathrooms. Back on the Ribbon Trail, we entered Hendricks Park and then eventually made our way back to our cars at the Masonic Cemetery, a two-hour walk. Members: Roberta Chord, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Dave Predeek, Karla Rusow. Nonmembers: Haley de Luca.

Palmer Mountain Corvallis/Coast Trail

May 26, 2015

Leader: Barbara Theus, Asst: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Barbara Theus

Hike: 9 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

HAVE YOU EVER HOPED FOR A TRAIL linking the Willamette Valley and the Pacific Ocean? The Corvallis-to-the-Sea Trail will provide you with an opportunity to enjoy the Oregon Coast Range in a way you never could before. This trail is not yet approved, though over the years several folks have completed the full 55 miles. Many more have traveled sections of the trail. This is one of the prettiest sections of the C2C Trail with a view of the backside of Marys Peak, overlooking Toledo and possibly Yaquina Bay. Most of this hike is on decommissioned logging roads where there is considerable brush along parts of the trail. A short section through the woods has numerous logs to climb over and is more difficult to navigate. This mile-long section is the only portion that warrants a rating of difficult. There is a fair amount of stinging nettle along the trail, though no poison oak has been spotted on this section of the trail. The drive is about 35 miles west of Corvallis. The slow windy road, though mostly paved, takes about an hour—approaching two hours from Eugene. Our destination was the viewpoint of Toledo and Yaquina Bay which was about 4.5 miles from where we parked the cars. As we did not arrange shuttles, we returned on the same route, taking about four hours, including a

lunch break. To drive to this unmarked trailhead, go west on Highway 20 towards Newport. At the Burnt Woods store, turn left to Harlan (Road 547). At Harlan, turn right on the gravel road for just under a mile, then left on Grant Creek Road for a



short distance across the bridge, then turn uphill onto paved Hilltop Road (FS31). After five or six miles, where the road turns to gravel, park at the wide spot on the right side. This is the start of FS road 3127 which is marked, though the marker is hard to find. All trail junctions are marked with orange flags marked C2C. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Theus, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Philip Johnston.

Erma Bell Lakes

May 30, 2015

Leader: Joella Ewing

Photographer: Tom Musselwhite

Hike: 5 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

ELEVEN PEOPLE COMPLETED THE HIKE on a lovely sunny, but not too hot day. A cooling breeze was perfect. The main wild-life besides fish jumping at the lower lake were tiny



frogs. Members: Barbara Aten, Joella Ewing, Mary Hamilton, Tom Musselwhite, Brian Popowsky, Jan Pylar, Camilla Rice, Tom Rundle, Michelle Tambellini, Susanne Twight-Alexander. Nonmembers: Nancy Allende.

Fall Creek (top to bottom)

May 30, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 11.5 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)



IT WAS A TRIP I DID NOT PLAN, but it worked out anyway. We started off to find the trailhead off Road 1833, which is off Road 1828. We followed Road 1828 and followed forest service directions, but were unable to find 1833. We followed a couple of possible options, one to a dead end, the second to a road that got thinner, so we decided to turn around while we still had room. So, back down to Puma campground. We thrashed around for a bit looking for a trail out of there before I remembered we should be up on the ridge on the other side of the creek. So for plan B, we walked down the road to Bedrock campground, where after a little looking we found the trail and hiked our way out to Dolly Varden and to our shuttle car. We had lunch at Slick Creek. This has reader boards placed by the Forest Service to describe the area's use by Native Americans. Obsidians used to use this area to practice rappelling off the rocks. Two of us sat on the bridge to eat, while the other three found an overlook off the trail. Below this point they noted a number of large yellow and black butterflies on the sand drinking from the edge of the creek. Darko went down to take pictures and by the time Nancy and I got there it looked like he was surrounded by them. Check the gallery for pictures. The open area out of Bedrock was full of all kinds of butterflies, lizards and a couple of snakes—not the kind that rattle. Members: Jane Hackett, Chris Shuraleff, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Roland Hanselmann.

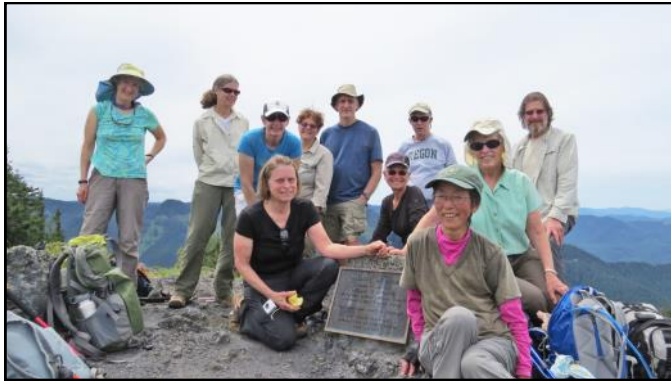
MacDuff Mt. from Cougar Reservoir

May 31, 2015

Leader & Photographer: Mike Smith

Hike: 10 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

THIS TRIP WAS AS ADVERTISED. We got an early start and hiked up the very steep first mile, gaining 1,000+ feet. From there, it was up a little less steeply to the summit. We had mostly cloudy skies, but we could see everything from Mt.



Jefferson to Diamond Peak. We had a visit from mountain bikers/Forest Service personnel, who informed us there would be rerouting of the trail next year to accommodate mountain biking. They were a little surprised to see hikers, and more than a little surprised to learn we had come from the bottom. We got a lot of information about various trails in the area, and we will be interested to see what the trail looks like next year. We returned via the road. It was faster that way, and the thought of descending the last mile on the trail we had come up with was quickly squelched. It was a hot, humid day, but there was shade on both the trail and road, and a slight breeze on MacDuff helped a lot. Beargrass and Indian paintbrush abounded, along with white irises. Wildflower season is here! Members: Mari Baldwin, Rebecca Eastwood, Lisa Grissell, Barbara Gunther, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Fumiyo Tao, Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: David Clinger.

Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

June 2, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

A rainy gloomy day did not bode well for our sunset hike. What a surprise to have a cool evening hike and share a colorful sunset with our four guests. Members: Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Janice Suratt, Michael Heidelberg, Laura Neckels, Kristen Snyder.

Three Mile Lake

June 6, 2015

Leader: Scott Hovis

Hike: 8 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS CLASSIC COAST WEATHER. Often when the valley is hot it pulls in cool conditions on to the beach. There has been some good work done on the deflation plain trail through the dunes. Many more posts with blue rings have been added north of Three Mile Lake leading to Tahkenitch Creek. We were fairly bug-free and the beach was mostly plastic-free. Our carpool drove in from the south on Sparrow Park Road. There are some major ruts in the dirt road. One car bottomed out. Three Mile Lake is full, but is lowering quickly like it does each summer. I can tell by the fact the lake will split in half. This is early: it usually doesn't happen until August. This part of the beach still

allows cars on it. A lot more areas in the foredunes are roped off this year for the endangered Snowy Plovers. Members: Scott Hovis, Tom Rundle, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Juliana Cichy, Annette Gilmer, Dorothy Kilmer, Mary Marshall, Alberto Sanchez.

Ridgeline Trail Celebration

June 6, 2015

Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Assistant: David Cooper

Hike: 5.1 miles, 700 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE DISAPPOINTED that we did not have any guests on our Ridgeline Celebration hike. It was the first time for Alan Curtis to hike the trail. At the Fox Hollow trailhead, Jorry and Dave headed up for the summit, Carla and I speeded up to get back to the Spencer Butte parking lot by 11:00 AM. Darko, Roberta, Autumn and the Bell family were waiting for us to assemble the table display and start greeting hikers. The theme was *What peaks can you see from the top of the Butte?* Thanks to Mary Hamilton, Dave Cooper, and Darko Sojak for driving the cars for the shuttle. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Alan Curtis, Patricia Esch, Mary Hamilton, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe.

Duffy Lake

June 7, 2015

Leader: Judy Terry

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS GOING TO BE IN THE 90S IN THE VALLEY and the pollen count was beyond extreme, so going to the mountains was the perfect thing to do. Our group of eleven moved along at various paces enjoying the mostly shaded trail. The stream



crossing was basically dry this year. Surprisingly, there were no mosquitos at Duffy Lake and there was a wonderful cooling breeze. We encountered many backpackers with fishing poles and hikers of all ages. We returned to 92 degrees in Eugene! Members: Roberta Chord, Debbie Krakauer, Holger Krentz, Diana Masarie, Lucy Nelson, Kathy Randall, Guy Strahon,

Judy Terry. Nonmembers: Lamonte Smith, Michael Heidelberg, Mary Marshall.

North Fork Willamette (3rd section)

June 13, 2015

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS AN EXPLORATORY TRIP. I had hiked the first three miles, so based on this and the condition of the first two sections, I called this hike moderate—but it is not moderate. This is a difficult hike. The hike is slightly over eight miles. You gain and lose 500 feet in elevation about six to seven times. After the first three miles, the elevation gain is steep and the loss is equally steep. There are short, steep switch backs. The tread in many places is good, but in other areas it is narrow, rocky and steep. This trail is not hiked often and I now understand why. The trail's main feature is poison oak. At



some point you cannot avoid it. In the last five miles, poison oak is everywhere. Now that I have told you the negatives, it also has great river views and waterfalls where the canyon narrows. There are several creeks with great bridges. We ended this adventure on road 1919. My car was still one-half mile away and the trail was not to be found in the slash piles and downed logs across the road. We walked down to the main road and to my car. I should say that Dave carried 30 pounds in his backpack, getting ready for a trip later this summer. Darko was also carrying a backpack. Roberta, taking on more difficult trips, got more than she planned on, but smiled the whole way. The discussion around what to use to avoid getting the rash from the poison oak was lively. Downed trees, and trail-finding helped keep the hike interesting. Members: Roberta Chord, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Drew Babb-Hackett, Ean Estes.

Iron Mountain/Cone Peak Loop

June 14, 2015

Leader: John Cooper

Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

JULY 4TH is considered the approximate time for Iron Mountain's wildflowers to be at their peak. This year, with an early spring, our group of ten hikers experienced an extraordinary

display of flowers in mid-June. The woods were full of anemones and Canadian dogwood. As we approached the first few meadows below Cone Peak, we were met with a colorful array of Indian paintbrush, larkspur, sedum, blue-eyed Mary, and many others. The finale came as we went up to the observatory on top of Iron Mountain through one rock garden after another alive with lupine, flax, phlox and larkspur. We had seen glimpses of the mountains, but being on top with the clear blue skies, we saw from Mt. Hood down to Diamond Peak and maybe we saw Rainier. Some of us even saw a wispy cloud showing colors of the rainbow. Back to the car in less than an hour from the top completed our hike. Members: John Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Barbara Gunther, John Lepinski, Becky Lipton, Caroline Moore, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Meg Stewart Smith. Nonmembers: Laura Osinga.

Browder Ridge

June 21, 2015

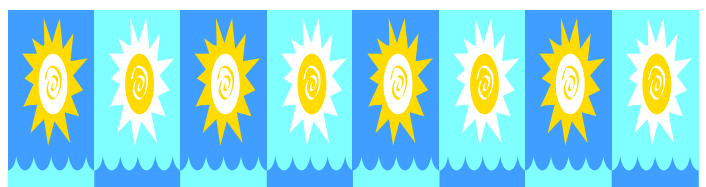
Leader & Photographer: Mike Smith

Hike: 8.4 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A NICE SOLSTICE DAY to be up on Browder Ridge. As we hoped for, good wildflowers were in the meadows, and we saw only one other person until we were near the bottom. The clouds were nice on top, and it was actually cool enough that I put on a shirt. The ridge is not scary, but one must use caution too. We had one fall on the way back, but fortunately no significant harm done—a dressing, ointment and duct tape took care of the problem. Many thanks to Becky Lipton for her



help. We had an interesting melange. I drove five up; Cindy came from Sweet Home, and we met at Hackleman. Lisa was staying somewhere that evening, and she was at the trailhead. Somehow, it all worked out well, and it was a good group to lead. Members: Lisa Grissell, Becky Lipton, David Lodeesen, Ernst Schwintzer, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Cindy Miller, Laura Osinga.



Upcoming



ExploraTalk

Tuesday July 28 at 7 PM

Bear and Cougar Basics

IT'S NOT OFTEN YOU MIGHT RUN INTO A BEAR OR COUGAR in the southern Willamette Valley, but wouldn't you want to know how to handle that situation? On Tuesday, July 28, Brian Wolfer, district wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will talk about cougars and bears at the Obsidian Lodge. Oregon is home to healthy populations of both bears and cougars. If you spend much time in the forests of Oregon you are likely often near these species even though you rarely see them. This is not cause for concern but there are a few things about these animals you should know. Brian Wolfer will join us to provide advice for people who live or recreate in bear and cougar country. He will also share information regarding bear and cougar biology and management in Oregon.

Brian Wolfer is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's district wildlife biologist in the South Willamette Watershed District. He works with a wide variety of wildlife and habitat issues. Brian received his Wildlife Science degree from Oregon State University and has been with ODFW for the last 17 years.



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Butterfly Walk

Sun, July 19, 10 AM–12 PM

Join Nature Guide Dave Hagen on a walk for kids and families. Explore the diversity of butterflies found at the Arboretum. This will be a gentle walk through the meadow lands. Nets and bug boxes are provided to get a closer look at these amazing organisms. Meet at the Visitor Center. Co-sponsored by NABA. \$5, \$8 per family, members free.

Wetland Work Party

Sat, July 18, 10 AM–1 PM

Sat, July 25, 10 AM–1 PM

Come join us as we pull invasive weeds from the Arboretum's wetlands. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. Tools, gloves, and a parking pass will be provided to volunteers (we suggest you bring along a water bottle).

Summer Bird Walk

Sun, July 26, 8:00–10:30 AM

Join Chris Roth and Mieko Aoki for another monthly bird walk intended for people with all levels of birding experience. We'll use vocalizations, habitat, and behavior clues for identification of our summer and year-round residents. Please bring binoculars. Option to continue the walk until noon for those who are interested. Rain or shine. Meet at the Arboretum Visitor Center. \$5, members free.

Wet Feet and Cool Treats

Sun, July 26, 1–3 PM

Explore the amazing aquatic world of the Arboretum with nature guide Tom Bettman. Kids and their families will hike the river, catch live critters and learn the importance of the little stuff in nature. Cool off after the hike with hand-cranked ice cream! Meet at the Visitor Center. Members \$5 per family, Nonmembers \$8 per family.

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Upcoming



BULLETIN LAYOUT

SOMEONE TO LEARN DESKTOP PUBLISHING to work on the Obsidian *Bulletin*. On-the-job training leading to responsibility for *Bulletin* layout at least three months a year. Contact Stewart Hoeg at stewarthoeg@comcast.net.

Obsidians for Obsidian Trail

THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE is pleased to announce another series of trail maintenance activities up in the Cascades. This will be our third season leading trips in the Obsidian Area off of McKenzie Pass. The outings are planned for July 24–26, as well as August 28–30.

We'll have a 6-mile backpack early that Friday morning into the Three Sisters Wilderness across lava fields and beautiful meadows where we'll set up a base camp for our weekend adventure. The rest of the weekend will be spent working on a restoration project in Sunshine Meadow given to us by the Forest Service, and taking in the stunning views of the Three Sisters.

Tools and on-the-job training will be provided by wilderness rangers. For more information, contact Todd at toddwlarsen@gmail.com.

The Boston Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club is hosting their summer outing in Oregon from July 18–August 15. The description on their website sounds inviting:

Studded with volcanic peaks, mountain lakes, wildflower meadows, old lava flows and miles of hiking trails, Oregon's Central Cascades is the place to be! Base camp is near Santiam Pass (elevation 4,800 ft.) where the Pacific Crest Trail traverses Route 20. Major hiking destinations are in the Deschutes & Willamette National Forests & the Three Sisters, Mount Washington & Mount Jefferson Wilderness Areas. This full service tent village accommodates 64 campers each week and offers multiple hikes each day for all levels of ability. Delicious meals and trail lunches are provided; great camaraderie and nightly campfires make for a memorable experience. Round trip transportation between Camp and the Portland International Airport (PDX) and to and from daily activities is provided.

Perhaps you will meet them while hiking up in the mountains.

Obsidian Calendar

July

15 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
16 Thu	More Food IV Bus West	343-5492
17 Fri	Mount Baker Climb D Ellis	917-880-6744
18 Sat	Opie Dilldock Hike D Johnson	520-2470
19 Sun	Row River Bike M Strahon	221-7730
19 Sun	Black Crater Hike M Smith	357-5208
22 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe	206-9501
24 Thu	Obsidian Area Trail M M Larsen	509-949-0034
25 Sat	PCT Santiam/McKenzie Hike E Cooper	868-5427
25 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb Harris	729-3460
25 Sat	PCT Support Hike D Cooper	517-6785
26 Sun	Three Mile Lake Hike M Hackett	953-7046
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
29 Wed	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

August

2 Sun	Mt. Thielsen Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
2 Sat	Goodman Creek Hike E Chord	729-4605
8 Sat	Scott Mountain Hike D Wolling	345-2110
8 Sat	Mt. Washington Climb Harris	729-3460
9 Sun	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike M Cooper	344-8517
9 Sun	PCT Mt. Hood/Jefferson Bk Pk D Lipton	736-7498
12 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Smith	357-5208
15 Sat	Red Butte Hike D Smythe	757-6357
19 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
21 Fri	Mount Shuksan Climb McManigal	503-635-9973
22 Sat	Crater Lake Bike D Wolling	345-2110
22 Sat	Butterfly Pavilion Hike E Ewing	344-9197
22 Sat	Opie Dilldock Hike D Smith	357-5208
26 Wed	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
26 Wed	Wonderland Trail Bk Pk D Johnson	520-2470
26 Wed	Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
27 Thu	Obsidian Area Trail Mnt M Larsen	509-949-0034
29 Sat	Broken Top Climb Hansen	360-852-2041
30 Sun	Arrowhead Lake Hike D Harrison	556-3654

September

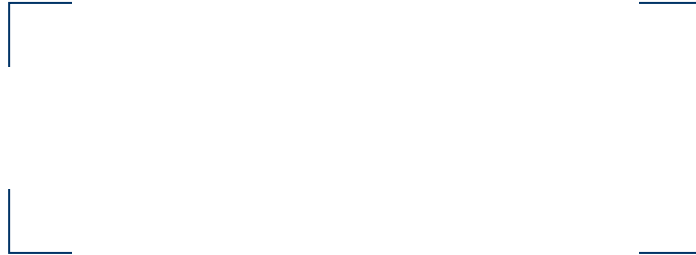
1 Wed	Hand Lake Area Hike E Duncan	343-8079
5 Sat	Middle Sister Climb D Johnson	520-2470
5 Sat	Camp Lake Bk Pk Lipton	736-7498
9 Wed	Matthieu Lakes Hike M Duncan	343-8079
9 Wed	Women's Siltcoos Water Esch	338-8280
11 Fri	Indigo Lake Backpack M Hovis	731-3412
11 Fri	North Umpqua River CarCmp Metcalfe	521-7539
12 Sat	Broken Top Climb Harris	521-5807
12 Sat	Grizzly Peak Hike D Cooper	868-5427
13 Sun	Yellowstone/Jackson Hole Bus Cutsforth	746-4929
15 Tue	To be determined	ExploraTalk
19 Sat	Fuji Mountain Hike D Wilken	343-3080
19 Sat	Lorane to Drain Loop Bike D Hegg	484-0619
20 Sun	Gwynn Creek/Cooks Ridge Hike Sojak	525-1124
20 Sun	Eel Creek Hike M Hackett	953-7046
20 Sun	South Sister Climb Robertson	525-4734
25 Fri	Trekking In Ecuador and India	Potluck
26 Sep	Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
26 Sep	Jefferson Park Hike D Lipton	736-7498
30 Sep	Pisgah-big circle Hike M Colgan	485-2787



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