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Dates to Remember

September 30	Potluck
September 30	Bulletin Deadline
October 14	Annual Meeting
October 19	Board Meeting

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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESULTS: Members Vote to Make Joining Easier!

Diane Schechter

OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN DECLINING SINCE 2007. After receiving recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee and the Membership Task Group, the Board sought to reverse this trend and better ensure a vibrant and thriving membership well into the future.

The Board recommended a bylaw change to eliminate the requirement for three activities, two bus trips or one climb to become a member, as well as the requirement for the signatures of two members and board approval. The Board felt these were a significant barrier to becoming a member and recommended the change to our bylaws.

A special member meeting was held on July 11 with a qualifying number of attendees voting overwhelmingly to support the Board’s recommendations. The changes allow anyone who has an interest in the outdoor activities the Obsidians offer to join by simply paying the annual dues. The change went into effect immediately upon passing.

So far, this change has been successful! We have seen a significant increase in new members and are hopeful that this trend will continue. Please help spread the word! Joining the Obsidians has never been easier.

*Speaking of membership... it is **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!***

We have enclosed the 2022–23 renewal form with this *Bulletin*. Renewal is \$35 a year. Member benefits now include free trips such as hikes, climbs and other trips. In addition, members will no longer be assessed the daily fee for bus trips and multi trips.

We will not be able to offer online renewal this year due to delay in our website upgrade. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you no longer use checks, feel free to have your bank send a check to: Obsidians, P.O. Box 51510, Eugene OR 97405

We rely on our members to keep our club vibrant. Take a look on the reverse side of the renewal form for ways you can help. We especially need leaders and assistant leaders. The more leaders we have, the more trips we can offer!

Members enjoy ice cream and visiting at the last in-person Annual Meeting in 2019.



Oct. 14: 2022 Obsidian Annual Meeting

THE OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE A HYBRID OF IN-PERSON AND ZOOM THIS YEAR. As of the end of August, we are planning to hold the Annual Meeting as a hybrid, meaning we will have in-person and Zoom options. The date is **Friday, October 14, 2022, 6:00 PM ice cream social, 6:30 PM meeting**. However, if the COVID situation does not allow us to safely meet we will have the Annual Meeting on Zoom only. Meeting details and a Zoom link will be available in early October. At the meeting we will present committee reports, the *State of the Obsidians* address by the President, and vote on the new Board members. The well-deserved awards will be given out either at the meeting or during hikes or other club activities.

Welcome New Members!

Heidi Anderson
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Karen Dunne
Eugene, OR 97403

Frank Keim
Springfield, OR 97477

Zack Marin
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Pierre Robert
Springfield, OR 97478

Mike Tyler
Eugene, OR 97401

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Eugene, OR 97405

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Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Marla Miller
Lowell, OR 97452

Lis Sorrell
Eugene, OR 97402

Ridgeline Trail Improvements

BLANTON TRAIL, AMAZON HEADWATERS TRAIL, AND RIBBON TRAIL HIKERS HAVE SEEN MANY IMPROVEMENTS THIS SUMMER—resurfacing, widening, and installing retaining walls. There was a lot of gravel to

move to make our hiking more enjoyable. Thanks to the Eugene Parks and Open Space staff and seasonal trail crews. Another thanks to the Obsidian Trail Maintenance volunteers who painted the kiosks, signposts, and bike racks at the Fox Hollow, Spencer Butte, and Willamette trailheads.



Summer Trips Committee

Celebration of Life for Jack Ewing

IT HAS BEEN TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS SINCE JACK DIED IN MARCH 2020, but because of COVID, his family is just now able to come from British Columbia. His service will be:

Saturday, September 24, at 3 PM
Peace Presbyterian Church
3060 River Road, Eugene

Donations may be made to Square One Villages, 111 N. Garfield, Eugene, 97402.

Joella Ewing 513-7896

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

Committee Chairpersons

Bus (Interim).....Jim Northrop
Climbs..... Maryanne Reiter
Concessions.....Carla Cooper
Conservation/SciEd.... K. Coots/A. Ruzicka
Entertainment..... Evelyn Nagy
Extended Trips.....Lana Lindstrom
Finance..... Susan Zeni
Lodge BuildingDave Cooper
Lodge Grounds (Interim)Jim Northrop
Librarian/Historian..... Lenore McManigal
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Online.....Vacant
Publications.....Lou Maenz
Publicity.....Marci Hansen
Safety Lyndell Wilken
Stewardship..... Jorry Rolfe/Darko Sojak
Summer Camp.....Lana Lindstrom
Summer Trips.....Dave Cooper
Winter Trips.....Dave Cooper

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2023 Board Nominees

Russ Davies

RUSS LOVES ALL THINGS OUTDOORS and is a lifelong hiker, biker, climber, skier, and paddler. He squandered much of his youth over many summers guiding wilderness climbs, backpack, and canoe trips throughout North America. At one point he worked (briefly) in the ski industry, and spent a winter in the Austrian Alps downhill and backcountry skiing (and occasionally working). Almost more than air itself, Russ loves long distance hiking, and has been fortunate to complete through hikes of the 2,600-mile Pacific Crest Trail and a mid-winter 800-mile hike of the Arizona Trail.

Russ isn't just a shaker. He's also a doer and has regularly donated time and sweat to projects ranging from recycling to trail maintenance. Russ discovered and was immediately drawn to the Obsidians when he moved to Eugene during the COVID lockdown. A year later he actually went on a trip and hasn't stopped. Russ loves the scope and variety of trips the Obsidians offer and is constantly surprised by the creativity,

generosity, and zest of the trip leaders. Russ would love to see the Obsidians offer great trips for another 100 years.



Jean Harris

ALL MY LIFE HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO FRESH AIR AND BEING OUTSIDE IN WESTERN OREGON. My childhood in Myrtle Point included hiking, camping, hunting, horse riding, and physical labor. Working on the family Christmas tree farm and occasionally helping local ranchers provided a sense of the value of hard work.

My adult life has been filled with a career as an elementary school teacher in Cottage Grove and raising two children. As a family of four, we continued the theme of enjoying the great outdoors.

Now as a retired teacher, I have the gift of more time to do as I choose. I continue to teach as a substitute, do trail work with the Scorpions group, and also hike, camp, and backpack. I have become a leader for Obsidian hikes with a goal of leading once a month. A little travel has been thrown into the mix.

I am filled with gratitude daily, whether on a trail or doing yard work.

I am confident I could be a valued board member for the Obsidians.



Denise Rubenstein

LIKE A RECENT CONVERT, I'M A ZEALOT FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. We moved to Eugene because it had a Dragonboat team, and I was on it immediately. I raced in Salem a few times, but the team folded within the year. I actually learned about the Obsidians when a teammate and I came to a potluck to pitch for members. We did get one new member from that appeal, but it didn't save the team. The Obsidians, however, saved me. I need to be outdoors.

I'm the one on the hike or the paddle that routinely stops and stares in wonder. The mountains, rivers, waterfalls—even the snow—amaze me and I'm originally from Michigan! Serving the club is an easy return for the opportunities for adventure and friendship that the partnership has afforded me.



JULY BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein July 6, 2022

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order. Board members present: Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Dave Cooper, Kay Coots, Jim Northrop, Lana Lindstrom, Diane Schechter, and Sue Zeni.

The Board approved the minutes for June 2022.

Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg): Laura reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): There were only two Climbs events in June: a mountaineering conditioning hike and a successful climb of Mount Adams.

Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka): An ExploraTalk was held at the Lodge on June 14, with 21 people attending. Our speaker, Randy Sinnott, provided information on McDermitt Creek caldera and watershed impact from proposed lithium mining.

Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop): A work party mowed and dug blackberries on June 3. Thanks to mowers and diggers Clara Emlen, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Maryanne Reiter, and Sue Zeni. Clara worked two additional days clearing the west fence line and cleaning up around the storage shed. John Jacobsen refurbished and reinstalled the Obsidians Lodge entry sign. The sign looks fabulous.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): We researched and provided obituary information for two inactive members for the *Bulletin*, provided two 1936 photos of Obsidian hikers and historical trip reports on Mt. Pisgah for Ed Alverson, Natural Areas Coordinator, Lane County Parks. They are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first purchase of land for the park, June 27, 1972. We were unable to document the 1932 climb of Three Sisters in one day by member Phillip Dale. (Died 2002.) The family has already checked the summit books at the Knight Library Special Collections. It probably was not an official Obsidian climb. We facilitated Mary Ellen West's donation of her Cy Fulton painting, *Breaking Camp* from the Mt. Jefferson 1936 Summer Camp. It is now hanging in the Lodge main hall. We submitted an article for the July *Bulletin* that will include information about Cy Fulton and the summer camp. We will send a letter to Mary Ellen thanking her. Trips from the June *Bulletin* have been recorded in the log books.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Six new members were offered for approval, total membership is 428.

Online/Webmaster (vacant): Temporary website committee: Meet weekly with the website company. Things had to be postponed for a couple of weeks because we are unsure how new members will be processed on the website. Moving on some items, but it slowed overall progress.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): There were two Spencer Butte trail maintenance outings in June.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): In June we offered 37 out-

ings and collected \$335. We only had two people wait-listed for hikes. We are offering more than one activity a day, which is an encouraging trend.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mount Hood Incident (Insurance) The injured party has submitted claims for the Club's insurance to cover.
- Strategic Planning Updates: Property Tax relief due to non-profit status: There are just a few more details to take care of, it needs to be shown that we offer low-cost activities. That's us! Website: There have been a couple of delays as the July 11 vote will affect the membership functionality of the website. Revolution Design also requires data from our current website so it's being decided how to best attain that.

NEW BUSINESS

- Policies and Practices Update: Lana along with Dave C, Dave H, Jorry R, and Laura O have been combing through the Club's Policies and Practices with the goal of making the document more uniform and concise. They have spent hours reviewing and finetuning. Lana presented a few considerations on minor details to the Board and opinions were offered. Just a little more work to be done.
- 2023 Board Nominees (Lana Lindstrom): The Nominating Committee met in May to recommend three candidates to the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January 2023. The names of Denise Rubenstein, Jean Harris, and Russ Davies were presented at the June Board meeting. Qualities that the committee considered important included: demonstrated leadership, commitment to the Club, and good communication skills. Denise is the current Secretary and leads trips regularly; she is committing to a second term. Both Jean and Russ served on the Membership Task Group. Jean led 6 hikes and 1 snowshoe trip during the past year. Russ led 7 backpacks during the same period. Bios and photos of the nominees will be published in the September *Bulletin*.
- Climb Award Approval Change: A motion to delete the need for Board approval for Climbs Awards was approved.
- Guest Category Back to Nonmember: After much discussion it was suggested that Nonmembers would be referred to as "Guest" as it would be more welcoming. John Jacobsen explained that the minor change would be a very complicated endeavor on the website. The designation is back to Nonmember.
- July 11 Membership Zoom meeting and vote: The purpose of the meeting is to present an amendment to change membership qualifications in the Bylaws. Details and format were discussed along with the organization of the meeting. Content and context will be offered and time for questions and discussion will be given. It is hoped that the vote tally can be done on the spot and the membership will be advised of the results via email.
- New members approved were Kristen Anderson, Karen Gaffney, Megan Kaetterhenry, Chris Lantz, Jane Leng, and Debra Messinger.

ADJOURNMENT

TRIP REPORTS



Backpacks

Three Sisters Wilderness

July 27, 2022

Leader: Becky Lipton

Backpack: 28 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

WHAT A WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE AUGUST HEAT WAVE! The Goat Rocks backpack trip was diverted at the last minute due to reports from the Forest Service of three feet of snow at 5,100 ft. of elevation, ice bridges with the risk of collapse, flooded meadows, relentless mosquitos, and no wildflowers. Very fortunately, we acquired a permit at the last minute to do our backpack trip in the Three Sisters Wilderness, via the Obsidian Trail. It is interesting that with the new permit system that is designed to limit entry, we still saw bazillions of backpackers (and mosquitos), including two groups who were clearly lost and suffering from heat exhaustion. Backpacking seems to be one of the new hot things to do since the start of the pandemic. Speaking of hot, the temperatures were close to 100 degrees all four days of our trip, with nights so hot that we didn't need our sleeping bags for the first two nights. Ugh! Fortunately, we enjoyed lakes and snow patches to cool off and spent much of our last day with our feet or entire bodies in Husband Lake. In spite of the heat wave, we enjoyed gorgeous views and wildflowers. On our drive back to Eugene, McKenzie Bridge was at 104 degrees! Members: Becky Lipton. Nonmembers: Steve Adey, Suzanne Hanlon.



Car Camps

Tumalo & Cottonwood Canyon

April 29, 2022

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Car Camp: 20 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

JUST GETTING TO OUR ASSEMBLY AREA WAS AN ADVENTURE with snow and cold temperatures crossing the Cascades. Arriving at Tumalo State Park, the temperatures were mild if a bit cool. The group hiked six miles along the picturesque Deschutes River and then enjoyed an evening around the campfire. **On the morning of day 2**, we made a stop at the Ogden Wayside to see and walk the impressive 500-foot canyon made by the Crooked River. The weather included dramatic downpours mixed with sun and calm. We drove to the historic town of Shaniko and were welcomed inside the Shaniko Hotel (circa 1900) which is undergoing renovations for opening later in the year. The town is a page out of the late 1800s and early 1900s and the hotel has a number of ghost stories. Continuing to Cottonwood Canyon State Park, we drove past a number of wind turbines, cows, and open rangeland. We made camp and enjoyed a four-mile hike. It was windy that afternoon and well into the night. **On day 3**,

we hiked seven miles in the morning along the John Day River on the Pinnacles Trail. We had to turn around due to a trail closure because golden eagles were nesting. Bighorn sheep peered down at us from high above on the basalt cliffs.



In search of the golden eagle.

After returning to camp and enjoying some lunch several of the party hiked another four miles, with some making an additional seven. We enjoyed a quiet and windless evening around a warm campfire. We went to bed as the stars were coming out. Later that night the stars were amazing, though rain clouds were rolling in. **The morning of day 4** was an early departure for the group with some opting to enjoy a warm breakfast in Condon. We observed merganser, deer, mallard ducks, turkey vultures, Canada geese, California bighorn sheep, swallows, crows, hawks, an unidentified lizard, and several snakes along the trail. There were tracks and signs of bobcats, coyotes, more bighorn sheep, and possibly pronghorn. We heard soft hoots with a stuttering rhythm: hoo-h'HOO-hoo-hoo from a great horned owl, and the chucks of what was believed to be chukar partridges. Members: Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield.

Mount St. Helens Area South

June 28, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Car Camp: 12 miles, 2,800 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRIP WAS TO VISIT THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF MOUNT ST. HELENS. **Day 1:** The group arrived and we had time to explore the quiet tent-only campground and some local trails near Cougar, Washington. We had dinner, talked around the campfire, and some stayed out close to 10 PM as the mid-summer sun stayed long into the evening sky. The morning of **Day 2** began with birds blasting the campground with calls at about 4:30 AM! The group had a relaxed morning, though several commented they had not slept well that night. Possibly this was related to being tired, or we were talking, but while driving to the hiking area we missed a turn-off and went the expected distance down a road only to realize we needed to backtrack. This delay caused us to start about an hour and a half late. Driving back, we learned that there was a significant absence of Forest Service signage in the area as to general features like river crossings, sights, overlooks, etc. We finally made our destination of Lava Canyon and hiked around the upper trail area. Prior to the trip, we knew that the suspension bridge was out of commission, though we had hoped to hike downstream to the Ship Rock area. Sadly this trail was also

closed. Hiking back, we crossed over the main footbridge and ate lunch overlooking the beautiful, glacial-blue Muddy River. Leaving, we made a stop at the bridge overlooking the 1980 lahar flow with Mount St. Helens looming in the background. We drove to the June Lake parking area and began our hike to June Lake. The plan had been to continue to Chocolate Falls for a five-mile loop, but after about two miles little issues quickly added up into larger concerns (such as starting the morning hike late which made starting this long hike begin well after lunch, hiking over sections of lava fields that had now heated up in the afternoon sun, half of the group being tired, several with not enough water, the leader not having the best map, having to cross a glacial-melt stream late in the day, and increasing signs that some—including the trip leader—were dehydrated). The trip leader made the call to stop the hike soon after June Lake. This was an unhappy call to make but hopefully avoided an injury. Driving back to camp, we located where the earlier signage mistake had been made—a sign had been misinterpreted. We also visited the Ape Cave turnoff to better know where to go the following morning and we discovered that the sign along the road identifying the turn for Ape Cave was completely missing!



Ben Brown emerging from the lava at the Trail of Two Forests Interpretive Site.

Finding the turn, we stopped for 20 minutes at the Trail of Two Forests Interpretive Site where a 2,000-year-old lava flow from Mount St. Helens had run through the forest, solidified around the tree trunks, and left tree wells. The group ended our day back at the campground and had an early evening. **On the final day**, we departed camp at 8:45 AM and arrived at Ape Cave for our 9–9:30 AM time slot. We parked in

a lower lot as the official signage in the area was poor and did not direct us to the upper lot. Finally, we began our adventure up the difficult 1.5-mile upper cave route. Progress was slow as there was a significant amount of bouldering across rock falls, several tight places, and a harder-than-it-sounds narrow eight-foot wall that had to be scaled. There were a few scraped knees, but the group arrived at the end of the lava tube; our completion time was 2 hours and 15 minutes. We walked 1.5 miles back to the visitor center through the forest for farewells and then drove back to Eugene. We had hoped to get ahead of the Fourth of July weekend holiday traffic but still managed to hit bumper-to-bumper traffic through Portland, making the drive time from Ape Cave to Eugene four hours. Members: Ben Brown, Kathie Carpenter, Elizabeth Grant, Mark Hougardy, Evelyn Nagy.

Exploring Hood 4th Annual Camp August 15–17, 2022

Leader: Daphne James

Assistant Leader: Jean Harris

Car Camp: 21.5 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE BEGAN THIS YEAR'S EXPLORING HOOD TRIP WITH A 9.7-MILE LOOP from Newton Creek, to Timberline Trail, across Heather and Clark Creeks, through Hood Meadows, and down to unusual Umbrella Falls. With the sparkling water cascading from the mountain top and wildflowers along the creeks and in the meadows, this hike was a good start to our Hood adventure. We camped at quiet Still Creek Campground and set out the next morning to drive the twisting, gravel road up to the Timberline Trailhead at Cloud Cap. Timberline Trail loops for 41.5 miles around Mt. Hood. The section south from Cloud Cap is the highest and some of the most dramatic trail on the loop. Being above the tree line, we had continuous views of rough, glacier-covered, 11,249-foot Mt. Hood. There were still some patches of snow lingering in the gullies as we made our way to 7,335 ft., the highest point on Timberline Trail, and found some rare shade for lunch. This was an out-and-back hike, and as we made our way north in the afternoon, clear skies gave us expansive views that spanned from the Columbia River Plateau to Mounts Adams, Rainier & St. Helens. Along the way we took a side trip to stone Cooper Spur Shelter, and some in our crew hiked up the user trail to get a better view of Eliot Glacier. Following our hike, some of us swam among the paddle boarders and not very shy ducks at Trillium Lake. Osprey flew over our heads. We returned to the lake at sundown to view the sun setting over majestic Mt. Hood. For our last day we hiked along exceptionally beautiful Cold Spring Creek to 100-foot Tamanawas Falls. After the blazing sun of the day before, it was refreshing to hike in lush, green forest, shaded by hemlock, noble fir, alder, and vine maple. A *Tamanawas* is a benevolent guardian spirit, and we certainly felt that we had one with us on our wonderful excursion to Mt. Hood. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lorraine Cuevas, Lisa Grissell, Jean Harris, Daphne James, Angie Ruzicka, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Mike Tyler.



Climbs

Mt. Thielsen

July 9, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Juli McGlinsky

Assistant Leader: Jennifer Marlow

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

OUR CLIMBING TEAM MET AT THE MT. THIELSEN TRAIL-HEAD ON FRIDAY NIGHT. There may never have been a more positive team on the mountain. We hit the trail at 5:30 AM, just after daylight, and didn't find enough snow on the trail to even have a snowball fight. Everyone summited by 11:00 AM, some for their first Thielsen, and we rapped down leaving the threatening clouds behind us. Though picking our way through the scree was a little sketch, we successfully made it back to the cars around 3:30 PM. The threatening clouds made for great temperatures without stealing our views. Congratulations to Linda and Shannon for their first Thielsen. Thanks to Joshua and Doug for their relentless enthusiasm, and to Jen for being an efficient, competent, joyful Assistant Climb Leader. Members: Shannon Clawson, Jennifer Marlow, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Sandburg. Nonmembers: Linda Corona, Joshua Arreola.



Shannon reaches the summit with a smile!

Broken Top

July 15, 2022

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Assistant Leader: Scott Timms

Climb: 13 miles, 3,900 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED ABOUT 0500 HRS. AND THE TRAIL WAS MOSTLY CLEAR ALL THE WAY TO GREEN LAKES. While there were some snowfields on the approach, the ridge was dry. It was the first time up Broken Top for everyone except the leader. After enjoying the view at the summit, we headed back to the car. It was a great day for a climb! Members: Scott Timms, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola.

Three Fingered Jack

July 23, 2022

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 11 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)

OUR SIX-PERSON TEAM ENJOYED GOOD WEATHER AND MADE QUICK WORK OF THE APPROACH. We fixed a 70m rope on the *crawl* and used a 60m for the chimney and summit pinnacle. We took our time on the summit block to help ensure that each person was able to safely get out to the tiny and exposed summit. It was a very warm hike back to the parking lot but a glorious day out with a strong crew. Members: Theo Glick, Danneille Harris, Trina Kanewa, Jennifer Marlow, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Patrick McMurdo.

Rock Climbing at Flagstone

August 20, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

Climb

WE HAD A GREAT DAY AT FLAGSTONE WITH A STRONG CREW OF MOTIVATED ROCK CLIMBERS. Everyone did really well with taking on new challenges, such as learning to clean an anchor when everyone was done top roping. Some folks hadn't done much outside climbing so real rock was exciting for them. Members: Marci Hansen, Danneille Harris, Trina Kanewa, Jane Leng, Maryanne Reiter, Gordon Sayre, Paul Winther, Sue Zeni.



"Look Ma, no hands!" (Danni Harris)



Hikes

Mountaineering Conditioning

June 9, 2022

Leader: Juli McGlinsky

Hike: 5.8 miles, 2,100 ft. (Moderate)

THREE BURLY OBSIDIANS MUSCLED THEIR PACKS UP, DOWN, AND BACK UP MT. PISGAH to fend off old age and lethargy. The company made the trip enjoyable despite the physical challenge. Thank you, Madame President and First Lady, for modeling fitness and determination. What a great way to get ready for a summer of adventure. Members: Trina Kanewa, Juli McGlinsky, Maryanne Reiter.

Castle Rock via King Castle Trail

June 30, 2022

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Hike: 11.4 miles, 2,600 ft. (Difficult)

SIX OF US SET OUT FROM THE KING CASTLE TRAILHEAD NEAR MCKENZIE BRIDGE, three of whom had not previously been to Castle Rock. We appreciated the plank bridges built over the lower marshy area (Thank you, Cascade Volunteers Scorpion Crew!). The 11.4-mile trail (one hiker measured it at 12.0) is well-graded and in excellent condition, partly because of frequent use by mountain bikers. We were passed by a half dozen of them coming and going. All were very friendly and considerate. Along the trail we passed interesting forest plants (candystick, fringed pinesap, coralroot, wild ginger, rattlesnake plantain, white-veined wintergreen, phantom orchid) and wildflowers (Washington lily, starflower, anemone, pipsissewa). At the rocky summit we were greeted by a profusion of cat's ear, bluefield gilia, ookow, and sedum—just too many flowers to name. We stopped for lunch in perfect conditions at a spot below the summit with a good view of the Three Sisters and Mt. Washington. After lunch some of us continued the short distance up to the true summit before heading back down to the cars. It was a great hike with an enjoyable group! Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Janet Jacobsen, Jane Leng, Denise Rubenstein, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Annie Chan.

Obsidians Butte to Butte

July 4, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

NEVER QUIT ON A STIFF NECK DAY. Keep on walking and relish the sweet taste of the finish line. Members: Joanna Alexander, Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Don Doerr, Whitney Gould, Vicky Hanson, Sara Henley, Richard Hughes, Gwyneth Iredale, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Jane Leng, Vicki Levine, Lana Lindstrom, Meghan Mahoney, Debra Messinger, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Red Butte

July 6, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 12 miles, 1,800 ft. (Difficult)

THERE WERE GOOD REASONS TO BE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THIS HIKE UP RED BUTTE. We were facing a forecast of rain plus

reports of late season snow and hordes of mosquitoes. However, the rain stopped by the time we reached the trailhead and the swarms of mosquitoes that greeted us at the start of our hike disappeared before we reached Duffy Lake. We did encounter patches of snow but it didn't stop us from reaching the summit of Red Butte. While the clouds obscured our views, we were still able to catch brief glimpses of the surrounding peaks and were kept surprisingly warm by a breeze from the north. This turned out to be a great day for a hike. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Jacquie Fern, Steven Johnson, Jonathan Jost, Holger Krentz, Jane Leng, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham, Lis Sorrell. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra, Suzanne Hanlon.

Grizzly Peak

July 2, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 10.5 miles, 2,700 ft. (Difficult)

THE REASON THAT I MADE GRIZZLY PEAK MY FIRST HIKE IN JULY IS BECAUSE ITS RELATIVELY LOW ELEVATION of 5,800 feet hopefully ensured that snow would not be a problem. However, we did encounter several snow patches on the trail up to the summit, one of them a bit challenging. Add in a couple of tricky stream crossings plus a rather large log across the trail at our halfway point, and this hike was now an adventure. All of our group did make it to the summit for spectacular close-up views of Mt. Jefferson. However, we decided not to indulge in our planned swim in Pamela Lake on account of the cool weather and threatening thunder. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Whitney Gould, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Lis Sorrell.



Group shot at the summit of Grizzly Peak.

Browder Ridge

July 8, 2022

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Photographer Buzz Blumm

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

PERFECT WEATHER, MANY KINDS OF WILDFLOWERS, EXPANSIVE VIEWS, AND AN ENJOYABLE GROUP OF HARDY HIKERS made for a great hike up to Browder Ridge. Twelve of us left Springfield at 8 AM under cloudy skies and reached the Gate

Creek Trailhead about 10 AM under sparkling blue skies. The initial mile of switchbacks was challenging but we paced ourselves and paused along the way to enjoy the white-petaled three sisters: bunchberry (four petals), windflower (five petals), and queens cup (six petals). We also found candystick and spotted coralroot. We ascended a meadow of bracken fern, tall bluebells, wild ginger, and coneflower, and emerged onto a rocky outcrop with a great view of the snow-covered Three Sisters. The trail then crossed a mostly level wooded ridge amid a profusion of bear grass blooms that framed more views of the mountains. Turning onto the unmarked summit trail, we stepped over or around a few dwindling patches of snow surrounded by fresh, white trillium blooms and emerging leaves of bright green corn lily. We traversed steep meadows below the cliffs that included larkspur, monkeyflower, serviceberry shrubs, and a few patches of bright red paintbrush. Emerging from the woods again, our group was undaunted by the view of the rocky ridge scramble that loomed before us. We picked our way up through the rocks, forced our way around some grabby-branched pines, and arrived at a broad, open summit that was covered with fuzzy cat's ear, lavender phlox, purple littleflower penstemon, and gold wallflower. The views from Diamond Peak to Mt. Hood were excellent, and the combination of warm sun and cool breeze made for a delightful half hour of lunch and conversation. Although someone wanted to stay forever, we finally started down, negotiated the rocky descent with comparative ease, and enjoyed the wildflowers and views again on the long downhill trek. We returned to Springfield about 6:30 PM. Thanks to everyone for a great trip! Members: Buzz Blumm, Marti Gerdes, Janet Jacobsen, Jane Leng, June Miller, David Morris, Linda Parks, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young.



Leaving Browder Ridge, the Sisters in the distance.

Maxwell Butte

July 9, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 10 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

OUR COOL JULY WEATHER GAVE US SOME GREAT HIKING DAYS, plus the cloudy skies made for some excellent pictures. Snow and mosquitoes were a moderate problem heading up Maxwell Butte but they both disappeared by the time we reached the summit, allowing us to enjoy our lunch and the great views. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Jacquie Fern, Jean Harris, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Chris Lantz, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Wolling.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

July 9, 2022

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Assistant Leader: Kay Coots

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN GUESTS JOINED FOUR MEMBERS for a hike from the Lodge via the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park where we toured the gardens and then returned to the Lodge. Guests also enjoyed a tour of the Lodge. We had great sunny weather and a good time meeting new friends! Members: Joanna Alexander, Kay Coots, Jane Leng, Dorothy van Winkle. Non-members: James Brown, Mike Sully, Julie Haack, Sharon Rogers, Rob Hudson, Jill Baxter, Sharon Blick.

Martin Lake

July 13, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GREAT HIKE UNDER TEN MILES, away from other hikers, with great views and loads of wildflowers, then this hike should top your list. We only saw three other hikers all day plus we had a refreshing swim in Square Lake. This is one of my favorite hikes in Oregon. Members: Ben Brown, Kathie Carpenter, Lorraine Cuevas, Marti Gerdes, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Jane Leng, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham.



Hiking through the bear grass and burn area.

Canyon Creek Meadows

July 16, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

WITH PLENTY OF SNOW AT THE HIGH ALTITUDES of Canyon Creek Meadows, our hike presented several challenges with the crossing of snowfields and the high water levels in creeks, but we were still able to make the rather steep scramble up to the 6,500-foot viewpoint. Although a bit early in the season for the best wildflowers, the views were unusually clear. This is always a very rewarding but popular hike. Members: Ben Brown, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Marti Gerdes, Steven Johnson, Becky Lipton, Lynn Meacham, David Morris, Linda Parks, Darko Sojak. Non-members: Arjen Hoekstra.

Metolius River

July 16, 2022

Leader: Whitney Gould

Assistant Leader: Holger Krentz

Hike: 12 miles, 150 ft. (Moderate)

NINE OF US ENJOYED A DAY HIKING THE TRAILS BORDERING THE METOLIUS RIVER. We began our trek at 10 AM at the Lower Canyon Creek Campground, and soon encountered a waterfall and swarms of butterflies. After about 2.5 miles of gently sloping trails, we reached the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, where we used the restrooms and explored this vibrant center of piscine nativity. We continued our trek northward for another 3.5 miles and found an idyllic lunch spot complete with picnic table at the Lower Bridge Campground. Newcomer Tom Farley supplied brownies which were greatly appreciated. From there, we crossed the Lower Bridge and began our trek southbound. The trail wound through several campgrounds, and momentarily disappeared, but we found our way usually with the river in sight. Several of us dipped our feet in the cool water—a refreshing break on a warm day. We again crossed the river, returned to the Fish Hatchery and retraced our steps back to the parking lot. Tom again saved the day with ice-cold drinks for the crowd! However, coffee was needed by some, so we paid a quick trip to the Camp Sherman store, four miles away. Members: Whitney Gould, David Hawkins, Holger Krentz, Chris Lantz, Jane Leng, Cindy Rice. Nonmembers: Pierre Robert, Lis Sorrell, Tom Farley.

Iron Mountain

July 16, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

A 7:20 AM DEPARTURE FROM THE MCKENZIE NATURAL AREA AT 42ND AND MARCOLA RD. made it easy for us to meet Lisa and Denise at the Deer Creek Trailhead at 9:00. They were camping at nearby Trout Creek Campground. Many thanks to Lisa who loaned me her senior parking pass. It was Saturday so we expected the trail to be busy. It was! Hikers, children, babies, and dogs—all were friendly when we met each other on the narrow summit trail. All had rave reviews about the flowers! The color of the day was orange/red with the plethora of paintbrush, scarlet gilia, and columbine. On the way back to Springfield, Selam and I stopped at House Rock Campground for a short walk over the bridge to see House Rock and the Santiam Wagon Road, but the trail was closed because of hazardous conditions. We were back in Springfield at 3:30 while Buzz made it to the Albany Amtrak Station to pick up his wife, Cecile, at 3:20 to drive on to Portland. Meanwhile, Denise and Lisa were soaking their feet in Trout Creek. Members: Buzz Blumm, Janet Jacobsen, Denise Rubenstein, Lisa Van Liefde. Nonmembers: Selam Gebrehiwot.

Annual Beach Barefoot Hike

July 17, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6.2 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND OLD FRIENDS, crossing the knee-deep (waist-deep for some) stream, hiking six miles barefoot, watching bald eagles and a low-flying biplane, exploring tidal pools, discovering hidden sea coves teeming with aquatic life, and hokey-pokey dancing on a windy cliff—everything

was great. Stepping on a prickly cactus—priceless. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Vicky Hanson, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Jane Leng, Diana Masarie, Andrew McIvor, Eva Mogart, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Sharon Blick.

No Name Lake

July 23, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 12 miles, 1,600 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A GREAT DAY TO HIKE ANYWHERE IN OREGON. Fortunately, we were hiking along the Tam McArthur Rim, one of the Oregon Cascades' most scenic viewpoints, which allowed us to see all the way from Mt. Adams in Washington to Mt. Ashland in southern Oregon. We ate our lunch at the base of Broken Top overlooking the beautiful, but poorly named, No Name Lake. After our 12-mile hike, we all stopped in Sisters for dinner before heading home. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Steven Johnson, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, David Morris, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lis Sorrell, Karen Yoerger.



Looks like Marguerite has reached the end of the trail!

North Cinder Peak

July 20, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 16 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

I'VE BEEN TO SOUTH CINDER BUTTE SEVERAL TIMES so I elected to do an exploratory trip this day and go to North Cinder Butte. The hike ended up being a bit longer than I'd anticipated, 17 miles instead of 16, and the late season snow made finding our route more of a challenge. By the time we reached the base of North Cinder most of our group elected to forgo the climb while three made the scramble to the summit. The long drive and hike made for a very long day with our group not getting back to Eugene until 9 PM. Members: Ben Brown, Lorraine Cuevas, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Steven Johnson, Jonathan Jost, Jane Leng, Lynn Meacham, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.



Bear grass at the edge of Carl Lake.

Lillian Falls and Klovdahl Bay

July 25, 2022

Leader: Jean Harris

Hike: 9 miles, 2,200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS A GLORIOUS DAY OF HIKING through old growth and wildflowers, and catching an occasional glimpse of roaring Black Creek in the canyon. Lillian Falls charmed us with its multiple cascades. Then the climb continued upward with rhodies and bear grass to enjoy. The final climb took us to the western shore of Waldo Lake for lunch. We could see the remains of the Klovdahl tunnel, a failed attempt in 1912 to divert water from Waldo Lake. The return trip downhill went quickly. The temperatures ranged from 62 to 88 degrees but the shady trail was comfortable. Members: Buzz Blumm, Marti Gerdes, Jean Harris, Jane Leng, Lynn Meacham, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka.

Obsidian Grand Tour

August 11, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 18.5 miles, 2,800 ft. (Difficult)

SLIGHTLY SMOKY SKIES BUT OTHERWISE PERFECT weather greeted the 11 hikers who completed this 19-mile loop hike

through the Obsidian area. We started at the Obsidian Trailhead then joined Scott Trail to make a stop at Four In One Cone. We then made our way via the PCT to Collier Glacier viewpoint for lunch, then headed on to Arrowhead Lake for a refreshing swim. Along the way we discovered a family of marmots in the Sawyer Bar area. After our swim we hiked past Obsidian Falls, then used the Obsidian Trail to head back to our trailhead. This is a long but very scenic hike. Members: Kristen Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Lorraine Cuevas, Marti Gerdes, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Steven Johnson, Jane Leng, Lis Sorrell, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Justin Johnson.



Cooling off in Arrowhead Lake.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

August 13, 2022

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN MEMBERS AND FIVE GUESTS MADE THIS A LIVELY GROUP that enjoyed hiking while sharing information about the Obsidians. Members: Pam Caples, Kay Coats, Gwyneth Iredale, David Morris, Diane Schechter, Dralyn Van Ness, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Thad Jackson, Jim Jagger, Mike Tyler, Danya Jacob, Heidi Anderson.

Collard to Clear, Hike & Swim

August 13, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Joan Skarda

Hike: 5.3 miles, 610 ft. (Moderate)

A CLEAR LAKE EXPLORA HIKE AND AN EXCELLENT SWIM, then a sand dunes bushwalk to Collard Lake. Great sand workout and fulfilling day with friends. Thank you, Joan and John Skarda, for assistance and hospitality. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Linda Parks, Angie Ruzicka, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Lis Sorrell.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 3.4–6.2 miles, 700–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Denise Rubenstein: 7/6 9 Members

Ane McKee: 7/13 10 Members

Lisa Van Liefde, Jennifer Crim: 7/13 4 Members, 1 Nonmember

Janet Jacobsen: 7/20 3 Members, 1 Nonmember, 7/23 4

Members, **8/13** 5 Members, **8/20** 4 Members, **8/24** 9 Members, 1 Nonmember

Mike Smith: 7/27 8 Members, **8/17** 2 Members, Nonmember 1

Tommy Young: 8/3 6 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Darko Sojak: 7/15 2 Members, **8/6** 2 Members, **8/20** 2 Members

June Miller: 8/10 10 Members, Nonmember 1

Lisa Van Liefde: 8/24 2 Members

Janet Jacobsen, Corrinne Clifford: 8/31 9 Members

Blanton Ridge Hikes

Hike: 3.5–8.5 miles, 640–1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Elizabeth Grant: 6/24 1 Member, 7/1 3 Members, 7/8 1 Member

Tommy Young: 7/5 4 Members, 7/12 4 Members, 7/19 3 Members, 7/26 6 Members, 1 Nonmember, 8/2 4 Members, 1 Nonmember, 8/9 6 Members, 8/16 4 Members, 8/23 5 Members, 8/30 7 Members

Lisa Van Liefde: 7/20 5 Members, 1 Nonmember

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.0–6.0 miles, 0–1,500 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen, Robert Eriksen: 7/12 9 Members, 2 Nonmembers

David Hawkins: 7/15 3 Members, 1 Nonmember

Janet Jacobsen: 8/10 13 Members, 1 Nonmember



Paul Winther accepts Janet's 'Mission Impossible' to retrieve a plastic bottle from off-trail on the Ridgeline.

Photo by Janet Jacobsen.



Stewardship

Kiosk Painting #1

June 29, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING, WE SWITCHED GEARS to general beautification of the main trailhead. Our group prepped and painted the kiosk, trail marker, bike rack, and memorial bench. Special thanks go to Clara for cleaning the steps. We did such a good job that Marlon will likely have us paint more of the kiosks during the summer. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Oliver Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Pat Soussan, Maureen Whalen.



Dan and Todd put the finishing touches on the kiosk.

Obsidian Grounds

July 8, 2022

Leader: Jim Northrop

Work Party: (Moderate)

JIM NORTHROP DID A LOT OF WORK ON HIS OWN. Some other members will be doing work at times that match their schedules. Members: Jim Northrop.

Rosary Lakes, Love A Lake

July 15, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Lyndell Wilken

Trail Maintenance: 7 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT ROSARY LAKES with a nice breeze and not too many mosquitoes. We cleaned most of the firepits and picked up what garbage we could find along the lakeshores and around campsites. Joan was especially good at spotting small bits of paper, wrappers, and foil. The lake's green waters against the blue sky made the stewardship hike a worthwhile experience. It's always a good feeling to have contributed to the beauty of the Cascade lakes by keeping them clean and pristine for the people that will come to experience the wonders of nature in such scenic spots during the summer

and fall months ahead. Members: Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Joan Ojerio.



Joan Ojerio and Fiona Mockler (Cascade Volunteer Coordinator) clean a fire pit.

Kiosk Painting #2

July 27, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

Trail Maintenance: 1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE CONTINUED THE BEAUTIFICATION OF TRAILHEADS at the Fox Hollow Trailhead during this month's outing. Our group gathered in the heat and met Marlon from the City of Eugene before starting our work. We prepped and painted the kiosk, 3-way finding posts, and bike rack, and covered graffiti on the wooden stairs. We were greatly aided by the spray paint work done by Maureen. Special thanks go to Janet for providing homemade chocolate zucchini bread, apricot and fig bars, and delicious Newman's mango juice. Members: Matt Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan, Maureen Whalen.

Kiosk Painting #3

August 31, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Trail Maintenance: 1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING WE MET MARLON once again for continued trail facility summer beautification projects. We started by cutting back brush and blackberries from the back of the Willamette and 52nd St. trailhead kiosk. Our group got started masking and removing staples before beginning to

paint. We also prepped the trail markers and bike rack for spray painting. Special thanks go to Maureen for braving the breezy weather and spray painting the markers and bike rack. We stopped and took a break to enjoy fresh watermelon and chocolate zucchini bread—it was delicious. After our well-deserved break, we finished up final touches on our painting projects before removing some of the masking. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Clara Emlen, Robert Eriksen, Dan Gilmore, Sara Henley, Janet Jacobsen, Emily Rice, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.



On his 96th Trail Maintenance project, Dan is the lead painter for the kiosk. This is the third kiosk our Club has painted this summer.

Extended Trips

North Umpqua Rafting

July 7, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Lana Lindstrom

Extended Trip: 6 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

SOME SIX-WORD RAFTING MEMOIRS BY THE PARTICIPANTS: Great experience with fun adventurous people. Good times with friends and nature. Beautiful day, stunning river, wonderful guides! Great river adventure with our friends. Great company, fun guides, beautiful river. Rocks ahead, left-side paddle, whee! Exhilarating water rush, rafting with adventures. Beautiful, fun river, ouzels, skilled guides. Glorious adventure shared with wonderful adventur-

ers. Surfing that wave was just fantastic! Vests secure, paddles ready, forward two. Obsidians in the North Umpqua flow. **On the second day** the group split up. One person returned home and another hiked in the Boulder Creek Wilderness. Two hiked into Susan Creek Falls. Three had a fabulous six-mile hike at North Bank Habitat Area. And five people hiked five miles on the N. Umpqua trail from the Toketee parking lot to Columnar and Surprise Falls. It couldn't have been a better trip—well, actually, if the leader had been paying more attention to details and the signage on the road had been better, we would have had fewer delays on the second day! Note: cell service is very sparse, and the Forest Service and ODOT signs could be much more robust on Highway 138. Members: Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Rachele Masin, Emily Rice, Diane Schechter, Randy Sinnott, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Judy Terry, Melanie Weir, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Robert Hancock.



The guides are sitting high and dry!

Summer Camp

Rainier Summer Camp

July 31–August 6, 2022

Leader: Steven Johnson

Assistant Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Summer Camp

WELCOME BACK, SUMMER CAMP! Summer Camp is back after a two-year hiatus. This year we made our camp at the Cascade Peaks Campground near the town of Packwood, Washington. This gave us hiking access to not only Mt. Rainier, but also Goat Rocks and Mt. Adams. It's always a weather gamble going to the Mt. Rainier area where I've encountered snow, even in August. But our week was filled with mostly blue skies that gave us spectacular views, bountiful wildflowers, and occasional glimpses of wildlife. With such a vast area to hike, our group participated in over 40 hikes to at least 22 different destinations. Naches Peak was the most popular hike with six trip reports, followed by Silver Falls with five, and Burroughs Mtn. and Skyline Loop with four each. A typical day at Summer Camp began with a hot drink from the coffee table followed by a hearty breakfast of oatmeal or cereal with toppings, fresh fruit, and muffins. After breakfast campers would prepare their lunch for the day

from a great selection of breads, fillings, chips, and cookies before getting their gear together for the day's hike. After returning, campers could get a hot shower from either the campground restrooms or our own Obsidian shower house before having a delicious meal prepared by Dan and Chris of Bonanza BBQ & Catering. We ended the day with a campfire where we made announcements, heard trip reports, gave awards, offered up some interesting speeches, and honored our three-term President, Maryanne Reiter, with the President's Tea. A lot of work is needed to prepare for and execute Summer Camp. It wouldn't happen at all without many Obsidians working together, so I want to be sure to thank these lead people for their help in making this year's Summer Camp a success: booklet editor, Joel Greer; breakfast, Richard Hughes & Randy Sinnott; brewmasters, Judy Terry & Karla Rusow; bulletin board and sign-up sheets, Bea Fontana; campfire, Sam Tracer; camp cleanup, Jonathan Jost; concessions, Nancy Whitfield; duties roster, John Jacobsen; dinner setup and cleanup, Julie Dorland & Beth Roy; dishwashers (evening), Jim Pierce & Suzanne McQueen; dishwashers (morning), David Strutin; egg boilers, Holger Krentz & Marguerite Cooney; evening beverages, Kathie Carpenter & Emily Rice; greeters, Lynn Meacham & Linda Anson; lunch cleanup, Joanna Alexander & Valerie Metcalfe; lunch prep, Lyndell Wilken & Lynn Stearney; lunch setup, Sue Wolling, Susan Wanser, & Brenda Kame'enui; menu planning & food purchase, Lynn Stearney & Lana Lindstrom; oatmeal chef, Diantha Hull; President's Tea, Marci Hansen; registrar and treasurer, Dave Hawkins; safety, Lyndell Wilken; U-Haul truck drivers, Brad Bennett & Holger Krentz. I especially want to thank Lana Lindstrom, our Summer Camp Committee Chairperson and Summer Camp Coordinator, for all of her experience, wisdom, and tireless energy in making Summer Camp a great annual Obsidian event. Members: Joanna Alexander, Linda Anson, Charles Ashmore, Barbara Aten, Barby Bakke, Marsha Barr, Denise Bean, Brad Bennett, Donna Bloomfield, Kathie Carpenter, Patricia Cleall, Wayne Cleall, David Clinger, Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Alan Curtis, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Bea Fontana, Nikki Frank, Marti Gerdes, Sandy Gill, Peter Graham, Marci Hansen, John Hegg, Nancy Hoecker, Richard Hughes, Diantha Hull, Gwyneth Iredale, Steven Johnson, Jonathan Jost, Brenda Kame'enui, Holger Krentz, Jane Leng, Lana Lindstrom, Becky Lipton, Lisa Marks, Ane McKee, Margot McDonnell, Suzanne McQueen, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho, Valerie Metcalfe, June Miller, Craig Molitor, Evelyn Nagy, Judy Newman, Barbara Orsi, Jim Pierce, Maryanne Reiter, Emily Rice, Rich Romm, Beth Roy, Denise Rubenstein, Karla Rusow, Gordon Sayre, Randy Sinnott, Joan Skarda, Pat Soussan, Lynn Stearney, Meg Stewart Smith, Chris Stockdale, David Strutin, Pamela Swisher, Ron Swisher, Fumiyo Tao, Mitch Temple, Judy Terry, Sam Tracer, Olya Tsytkun, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle, Susan Wanser, Nancy Whitfield, Lyndell Wilken, Patricia Wilson, Sue Wolling, Signe Wright, Karen Yoerger, Sue Zeni. Nonmembers: Julie Dorland, Zack Marin, Silva Marin, Virginia Rutherford, Brian Larson, Pierre Robert, Glenn Munro, Bill Wacknov.

Editor's note: *To all of the photographers who submitted their marvelous summer camp photos to the Obsidian Gallery, Bea Fontana made good use of just some of them to create the following stunning Summer Camp pages. Thank you, photographers and Bea!*

SO MANY HIKES, SO LITTLE TIME...

Highlights of Camp Reiter

AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS, OBSIDIANS WERE ONCE AGAIN ABLE TO GATHER FOR THEIR TRADITIONAL ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP, which was based this year at Cascade Peaks Campground along the Cowlitz River near Packwood WA, within striking distance of Mt. Rainier, Goat Rocks Wilderness and Mt. Adams.

Mount Rainier, the highest peak in the Cascade Range, is famous for creating its own weather. Its summit is often hidden by clouds for days at a time. We were fortunate indeed to hike for five days under mostly clear, sunny skies. At 14,411 feet, Rainier dominates the landscape, so we enjoyed views from many different angles, as we hiked to various high points. Other stunning panoramas included Mt. Adams, and the jagged profile of the Tatoosh Range.

We were also fortunate that the temperatures, which hovered near the 100° during camp setup, dropped into the upper eighties on Monday, as folks headed out to the trails. And of course it didn't hurt that most of the hikes were at higher elevations than our camp in the valley.

There was something for everybody, from shaded trails along cascading streams with waterfalls, to alpine meadows and wildflowers, to rocky viewpoints and snowfields and swimmable lakes.



On the Silver Falls Loop—gang holding up the rock overhang! Photo by Lisa Van Liefde.

SILVER FALLS LOOP

THIS PRETTY HIKE CLIMBS THROUGH DENSE FOREST along the Ohanapecosh River to a bridge crossing the river above Silver Falls. As you descend, several overlooks offer views of Silver Falls and clear emerald pools.

Silver Falls on the Ohanapecosh River. Photo by Bea Fontana.



Christine Falls. Photo by Holger Krentz.

SKYLINE TRAIL

A MUST DO HIKE. This trail provides a diverse alpine experience with stunning wildflower meadows, waterfalls, and up-close views of Mt. Rainier. *(Taken from the Camp Reiter booklet.)*



Marsha, Lisa, and Denise R. at lunch on the Skyline. Photo by Karen Yoerger.



Skyline Trail. Photo by Holger Krentz.

VAN TRUMP PARK



*Comet Falls.
Photo by Karen Yoerger.*

IN SPITE OF THE NAME* AND THE STEEP TRAIL, which climbs 2,500 ft. in 3.8 miles, this was a popular hike. One leader felt compelled to modify the name of the hike—substituting *Ban* for *Van*.



*Jane on bridge.
Photo by Randy Sinnott.*

*The area is actually named for P. B. Van Trump, who made the first documented ascent of Mt. Rainier in 1870.



*A marmot emerges from hiding.
Photo by Randy Sinnott.*



*In Van Trump Park.
Photo by Pierre Robert.*

BURROUGHS MOUNTAIN

THIS POPULAR HIKE HEADS UPWARD FROM THE SUNRISE VISITOR CENTER and along the alpine ridge of Burroughs Mountain. Only one of our groups went all the way to the Third Burroughs (the summit) at 7,830 ft.—most were happy to go as far as the Second Burroughs. A herd of mountain goats with kids was spotted there but alas, they were too distant to get good photos.



Beautiful day for our lunch stop on Burroughs #1, on the way to Burroughs #2. Mt. Rainier on view. Photo by Lisa Van Liefde.



Black bear spotted on the Burroughs Mountain trail near Shadow Lake, 30 feet off the trail. Photo by Brad Bennett.



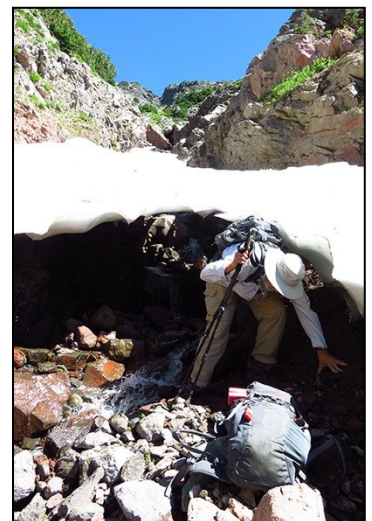
Olya and Glen on the trail in the Lily Basin area. Photo by Holger Krentz.

LILY BASIN

AN OUT-AND-BACK HIKE with steep wildflower meadows and good mountain views. From eight to eleven miles with 1,900–2,400 ft. elevation gain, depending upon where you turn back.

*A dangerous snow bridge:
Olya crossed over,
but Holger crawled under.*

Photo by Becky Lipton.



A bridge was not yet completed. Workers gave several of us a hand getting across, but leader Denise didn't need any help.

Photos (3) by Bea Fontana.

On the way back down: views of Mt. Rainier capped with a lenticular cloud.

Photo by Lana Lindstrom.



A small unnamed lake on the way up was too tempting to pass up for some of our group.

NACHES PEAK LOOP

THIS WAS THE MOST POPULAR HIKE. Six different groups hiked this pretty 3.7-mile loop.

Marsha swam out to the middle of the lake.



GOAT RIDGE / SNOWGRASS LOOP

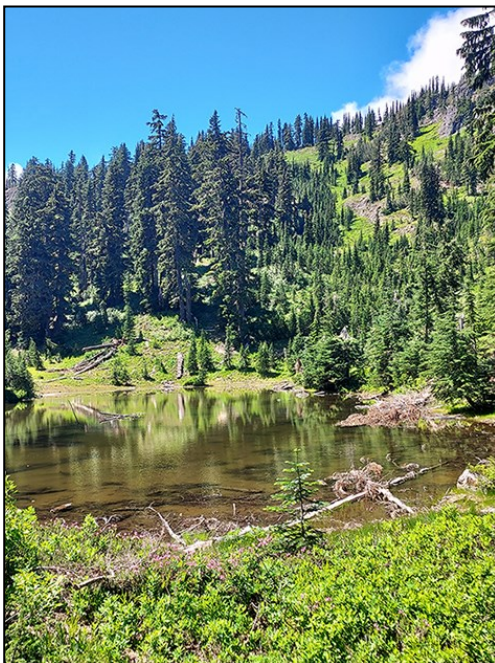


We found Goat Lake still frozen in August. Photo by Randy Sinnott.

ONLY ONE GROUP TACKLED THIS 12-MILE LOOP, with more than 3000 feet of elevation gain.



Randy and the trail ahead on Snowgrass Loop. Photo by Lorraine Cuevas.

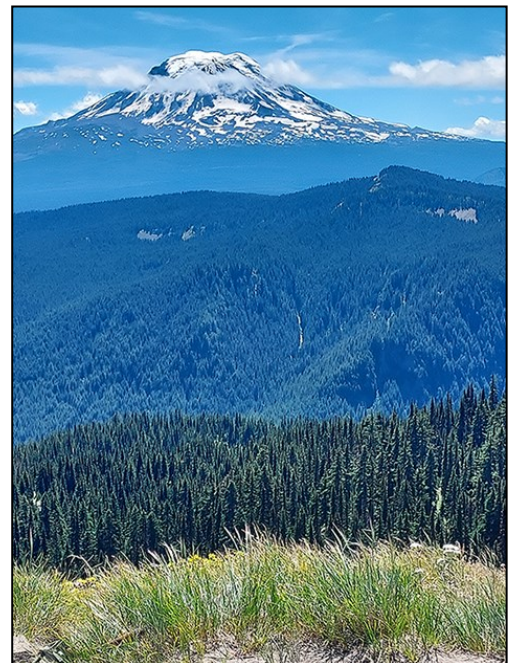


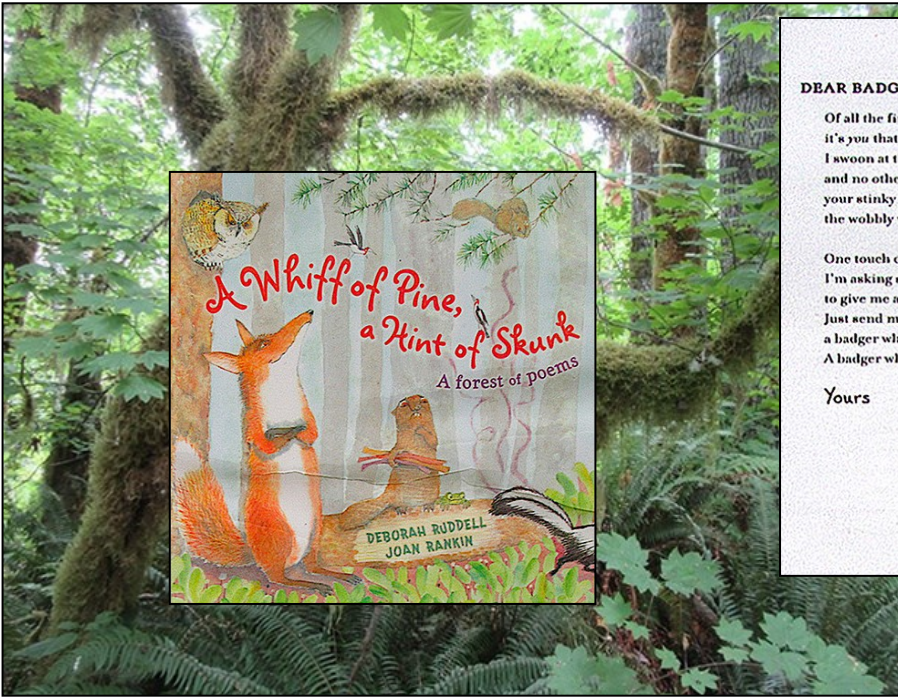
Sheep Lake on the Nannie Ridge trail. Photo by Karen Yoerger.

NANNIE RIDGE to SHEEP LAKE

A HIKE ALONG NANNIE RIDGE, WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS of Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, and Goat Rocks. Out to Sheep Lake and back—8.8-miles with a 2,100-ft. elevation gain.

Mt. Adams from the Nannie Ridge lookout site. Photo by Karen Yoerger.





DEAR BADGER, BELOVED—

Of all the fine badgers that I've ever known,
it's you that I'm longing to have for my own!
I swoon at the sight of your glorious face,
and no other badger could ever replace
your stinky perfume or that breathtaking snout,
the wobbly way that you waddle about.

One touch of your claws and I'm weak at the knees.
I'm asking sincerely—I'm begging you, please,
to give me a snarl or a threatening hiss.
Just send me a sign and I'll promise you this:
a badger who worships you—one who adores!
A badger who's truly and faithfully—

Yours

Photos by Jim Pierce.

WOODS CREEK WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

A PERFECT HIKE FOR A LOW-KEY REST DAY—two loops, shady and green, 1.8 mi. with a mere 200-ft elevation gain. The Storybook Loop has delightful signage based pages from a children's book (see above). The signs have poems about a variety of creatures, with accompanying fanciful watercolor illustrations. Below each is additional (more scholarly) scientific trivia about that animal.



Gondolas with the summit in sight.

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN GONDOLA

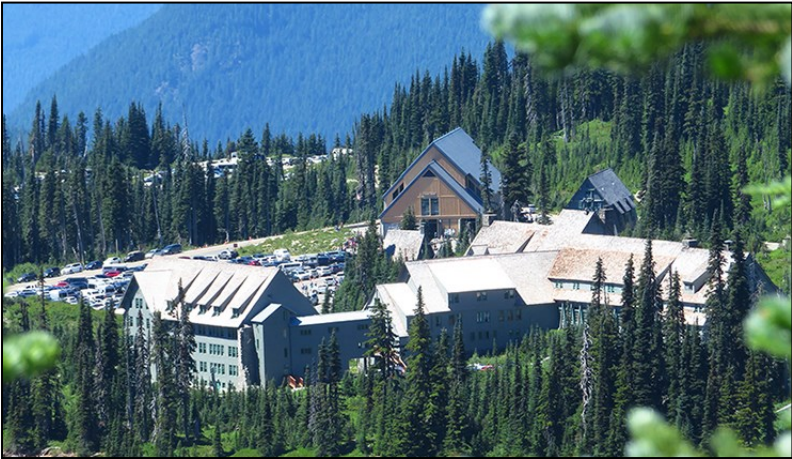
REASONABLY PRICED FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS...not-so-much for others. On top it was sunny and mild, and we were able to spot the peaks of Adams and St. Helens in addition to the main attraction. Shaded picnic tables made it a pleasant spot to eat our lunches.



Viewing of Rainier from the top of Crystal Mountain. Photos by Pat Soussan.

PARADISE

PARADISE NEVER DISAPPOINTS—if you can beat the crowds in time to find parking. The looming close-up presence of Mt. Rainier takes your breath away. A network of trails above the inn offers a huge variety hikes, from easy to strenuous.



The Visitor Center and Paradise Inn. Photo by Holger Krentz.



Pretty green pool above Myrtle Falls. An easy one-mile out-and-back from Paradise Inn. Photo by Bea Fontana.

SPRING in the HIGH COUNTRY



1. Tiger Lily.



2. Pasqueflower emerges amid heather foliage.



4. Paintbrush and Mt Rainier.

3. Below: Wildflowers and Tatoosh Range from Deadhorse Creek Trail. In the foreground: tall seedheads of the pasqueflower* . (*Compare to flower stage above.)



5. Marti G. strolls through bear grass on Mildred Pt. trail.



6. Field of heather, people are in line for the restroom at 6,800 feet.

Photographers:
 Lorraine Cuevas: 1 Holger Krentz: 4 & 6
 Jim Pierce: 2, 8 & 10 Karen Yoerger: 5 & 7
 Lana Lindstrom: 3 Pat Soussan: 9 & 11



7. Cat's ear.



8. Broadleaf arnica.



9. Pink monkeyflower.



10. Ghost pipe.



11. Bear grass.

IN CAMP



*Hanging the Obsidian banner.
Photo by Silva Marin.*



The covered dining area, with bulletin boards and sign-up area beyond. Photo by Joanna Alexander.



*Campfires were a hoot, with silly contests in addition to the nightly trip reports. Holger won the most Obsidian accessories contest—he was wearing/carrying 17 items!
Photo by Lana Lindstrom.*



Sam built and tended the campfire every evening. Photo by Holger Krentz.



After the meeting, folks lingered to visit and perhaps toast a marshmallow.

Photo by Joanna Alexander.



Tearing down the camp went a lot faster than setting it up. Thanks to all those who stayed to help with the tasks—many hands make light work. The rental truck was packed up in record time, with Randy Sinnott organizing the loading.

Photos (3) by Pat Soussan.



THE PRESIDENT'S TEA

Maryanne Reiter

AT SUMMER CAMP THIS YEAR I HEARD THERE WAS GOING TO BE A PRESIDENT'S TEA, so I got on my white gloves and practiced being very polite. But after Lyndell Wilken placed the bighorn sheep and elk poop necklaces around my neck I realized the only T there would be that night was at the end of roast!

During the course of the evening, I received many other honors...the plate containing my favorite trail foods (mango, cheese sticks and crackers) along with Hot Tamale candies. I even received a Hot Tamale necklace which was artistically rendered by Nancy Whitfield. However, the Hot Tamales were in direct contact with the poop thereby eliminating my desire to eat them. I also received a lovely, sparkly *Reigning Reiter* sash made by Dorothy van Winkle (note, she indicated that she had plenty of sash material and sparkles but was evasive as to why). To round out the ensemble I also received a *Leaves of Three* corsage from Bea Fontana to celebrate my three years as President. While it is very becoming, I get a terrible rash every time I wear it. The crowning glory of the evening was my, well, crown. It was a hand-woven team effort by Dorothy and Angie Ruzika. Throughout the evening I was also treated to friendly-fire roasting and honors from Marci Hansen and others. Thanks to everyone for making the "President's T" memorable!



Maryanne adorned with some of the many gifts and tributes she received.

Meet the President

Maryanne is a force
Just a sprite of a thing
Ready to try stuff
New voices she'd bring

To this club in the heart
Of all of its members
She offered new options
That sparkled like embers.

Maryanne's good at numbers
And one letter too.
Now we're 501c3
Thanks to the president and you.

This woman's a climber
With a rope and a pup
Glissading the mountain
With that pup in her lap.

Her heart is in rescue
The searching part too
If you were in trouble,
She'd rescue you.

Not to be hindered
By a broken leg even
She said, "We can do this
I promise you, Steven."

Now rest on your laurels
Change out of Zoom gear
We say thanks, Maryanne,
For the Obsidian years.

*Brenda Kame'enui
Camp Reiter Rainier
August, 2022*

THIS YEAR STEVE JOHNSON TOOK OVER THE HUGE ROLE OF CAMP BOSS FOR THE OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP. Steve remained unflappable as we worked around the usual inevitable surprises. In spite of punishing hot days that hovered near the 100-degree mark, the set-up crew got everything in place in time for the arrival of the campers on Sunday afternoon.

Steve also designed and built an on-demand hot water heater system for the Obsidian Showers. Two of the four stalls now can be set up with push-button hot water, bypassing the need to hoist your personal solar shower bag with the pulley system—this is especially nice for late night or early morning showers, after the solar bags have cooled.

We didn't give Steve much time to rest, but he still found the energy to lead challenging hikes on four of the five hiking days. And at the end of each day, we enjoyed his wry sense of humor as he emceed the evening campfire gatherings.

OUR CAMP BOSS

Steve on the stairs to Comet Falls.

Photo by Randy Sinnott.



...And Then There's Steve

Steve is a wily guy
He's smart and he's strong
When Steve is in charge
Not much can go wrong.

His heart's in his work
This week was bliss—
Reiter Rainier success
Is abundantly his.

He climbs mighty mountains
And makes a fine meal
With him we're in good hands
That's just how we feel.

Steve's wiry and lithe
Keeps up with the best
No grass under his feet
He passes the rest.

He's gentle and generous
He'd give you his shirt
If you tripped on the trail
He'd sweep off the dirt.

We hear that Takoda's
Is Steve's favorite place
They know him by name
And also by face.

He always keeps watch
On creatures alone
Bags leftover fries
For his chickens back home.

From hoodoos to Half Dome
Glacier view to Gold Lake
Steve supports on the trail
Every hiker he takes.

Thanks for the truck and the luck,
The power and showers
From scouting to routing
You turned your fun into ours.

*Brenda Kame'enui
Camp Reiter Rainier
August, 2022*



FALL COLOR BUS TRIP TO ODELL LAKE LODGE

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

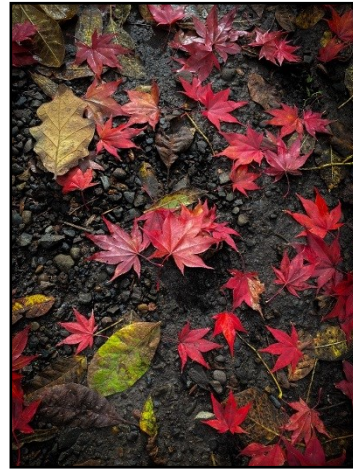
Leader: Jim Northrop

Cost: \$60 (\$62 Nonmembers)

Load bus at Valley River Park & Ride 7:45 AM, depart at 8:00 AM

WE WILL BEGIN THE DAY BY DRIVING THE BACK ROADS through Springfield, Jasper, Fall Creek, and Lowell to the Lowell Covered Bridge for a quick tour of this historic site. Then it is on to Oakridge for a coffee break at Dairy Queen (on your own). Our next stop will be a tour of the Willamette Fish Hatchery that will take us through the life cycle of a salmon. The hatchery grounds also have a quaint museum, a nature trail, and nine holes of miniature golf. Then we head to Odell Lake Lodge and Resort for lunch on your own (salads and sandwiches run from \$13 to \$17). You can eat indoors in the rustic lodge or out on the terrace, both with views of the lake. If you prefer, you may also bring your own sack lunch. After lunch and a walk along the shore of Odell Lake, we will drive to Salt Creek Falls to view this magnificent cascade. If time allows, we may also visit the Office Covered Bridge in Westfir and/or Elijah Bristow State Park near Dexter. We'll arrive back in Eugene around 5:00 PM.

Cost is \$60 for members and \$62 for guests. Please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips* and mail to Judy Garwood, 4145 East Amazon Drive, Eugene, OR 97405. Payment is due by October 1. For further information about registration, contact Judy at 683-5539. For general information, contact trip leader Jim Northrop at 343-3426. We load the bus at 7:45 AM at the Valley River Park and Ride (west of Regal Cinemas along the bike path and river). The bus departs at 8:00 AM. We hope you can join us.



Buford Park Turns 50

IN THE EARLY 1970S THE HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA BECAME A STATE PARK, AND THEN A COUNTY PARK IN 1982. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, *The Register-Guard* is gathering people's memories to include in a story about the park's milestone. You can submit your story at bit.ly/howard-buford-pisgah-stories.

The Obsidian Historian Committee is researching Obsidian Mt. Pisgah trip reports and photos, and is also working with Ed Alverson, Natural Areas Coordinator, Lane County Parks, for an October *Bulletin* article. Contact Janet Jacobsen at bjjacobsen@comcast.net if you have information to share.

Source: The Register-Guard, August 14, 2022—Share your cherished memories as Howard Buford park turns 50.



Summer Camp Reunion Potluck

IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT TO CAMP, come and see what you missed. If you have been thinking about joining us at a Summer Camp in the future and want to learn what goes on, this is your chance.

The Highlights of Summer Camp will let you relive or hear for the first time the wonders of Mt. Rainier National Park. Please join us.

Potluck

Friday, September 30, 2022

Obsidian Lodge

Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with your own plates, utensils and cups to be washed at home.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

September

13 Tue Divide & Notch Lakes Stewardship M Wilken 343-3080
 13 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
 14 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Yoerger 510-2832
 15 Thu Three Sisters PCT Section Hike BkPk D Davies 525-3719
 16 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike MHawkins 505-0119
 17 Sat Beach Clean Up with SOLVE WrkPrty ESojak 799-9199
 18 Sun Brice Creek Hike M..... Carpenter 505-2370
 19 Mon UO Campus Walk Hike E Alexander 458-209-7798
 20 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
 21 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Rolfe 206-9501
 22 Thu Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 23 Fri Waldo Stargazing Backpack E..... Davies 525-3719
 24 Sat National Public Lands Day Stewardship M Bell 503-884-8829
 24 Sat Upper Alpine Trail Hike M.....Sojak 799-9199
 27 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
 28 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M... Smith 520-488-9569
 30 Fri Potluck Summer Camp Reunion Potluck Nagy 514-4110

October

1 Sat Green Lakes Hike M..... Carpenter 505-2370
 4 Tue Fall Color Bus Trip to Odell Lake Lodge... Northrop 343-3426
 5 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 8 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E..... van Winkle 485-7416
 8 Sat Metolius River Hike M Carpenter 505-2370
 8 Sat Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
 12 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 15 Sat McKenzie River Trust Stewardship ESojak 799-9199
 18 Tue Fuji Mountain Hike D Wilken 343-3080
 22 Sat Koosah Falls/Clear Lake Hike M..... Carpenter 505-2370
 26 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M...Miller 808-282-5201
 29 Sat Trail Maintenance Stewardship M Bell 503-884-8829
 29 Sat Mt Yoran Halloween Costume Climb D Reiter 521-8472
 26 Sat Trail Maintenance Stewardship M Bell 503-884-8829

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about our activities, visit the Obsidians website: www.obsidians.org
 If you plan to join Obsidians trips, be prepared to abide by our protocols: [COVID-19 Protocols](#)

Buzz Blumm Photography Exhibit

Joella Ewing

PHOTOGRAPHS BY LONGTIME MEMBER BUZZ BLUMM are now on display in the Scherer Room at the Lodge. Buzz began his photography career at age 13 with a Kodak Brownie on a road trip from Binghar Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. After graduating from Marietta College, he served in the Navy in Vietnam, had a successful sales career, and launched an artisan import company with his wife Cecile. All the while he trekked, hiked, and photographed many gorgeous locales in dozens of countries. Buzz is the proud dad of five children and six grandchildren.

Since 1992, Buzz has gone on 82 Obsidian hikes and has led 45, including 25 climbs.

*Photographer Buzz Blumm puts the final touches on his display.
 Photo by Brandon Ferriero.*



Lost and Found: missing something from Summer Camp? Such as a cap, mess kit, or lotions in small bottles? Attend the potluck and claim your stuff!

Trip and Leader Awards



OBSIDIAN HISTORIAN LENORE MCMANIGAL AND JANET JACOBSEN HAVE CONTACTED TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS who will receive an award at the October annual meeting and/or on an Obsidian activity. Trip patches were first awarded in 2002 followed by the leader patches in 2005. If you would like to check your activity totals, go to the Obsidian webpage and log in. Click on *Trip Reports*. Then choose *Trip Summary* to view your totals. If you have questions contact Janet Jacobsen at jbjacobsen@comcast.net.



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*Tatoosh Range. See the Summer Camp report on
page 14.
Photo by Holger Krentz.*

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