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November 6	Board Meeting

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2019 Obsidian Annual Meeting Friday, October 11, 7:00 PM

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING on Friday, October 11, at 7:00 PM at the Obsidian Lodge. A social hour begins at 6:30, when banana splits will be served, with ice cream donated by Prince Pucklers. If you have ideas as to how the Obsidians can improve in the next decade, you will have the opportunity to share them on index cards. The meeting will follow at 7:00. Committees will give brief summaries of their activities and new Board members for 2020 will be elected. Read about Board nominees in the August/September *Bulletin*. Climb, trip and leader awards will be presented, followed by special, often humorous awards. Guests who would like to find out about our club are also welcome to attend.

President's Corner Ideas for the Next Decade

AS THE END OF 2019 APPROACHES, and 2020 becomes the start of another decade, the club should look forward to new ideas as to how the organization can adapt to changing times. Volunteers work hard to make each committee work efficiently and effectively. Sometimes it is good to think outside the box of our existing procedures and operations to see if there are changes that could be studied to improve the club's ability to advertise our activities and attract a diverse set of new members. Many club members have made suggestions over the years that have enhanced club visibility and performance. Instead of resting on our laurels we can forge ahead looking at what changes are happening in our society and how the club can meet the interests of our existing club members and those of the next generation. The annual meeting on October 11 can provide you an opportunity to write down any ideas you might have. Index cards will be provided at the meeting and you can drop them into a box before you leave. The ideas will be organized and distributed to committee chairs and the board. These ideas could form a template for moving into the next decade. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and you would like to share an idea, you can send it to lyndellwilken@gmail.com.

Online Renewal is Ready Now!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE, it is ready to go! I know several of you were waiting for the online process to be activated. It's quick and easy! Just log in to your account, where you sign up for trips, and follow the prompts. Otherwise you can use the form that was mailed with the August/September *Bulletin*. Thanks to those who have already sent in your renewal. See Obsidian website or contact Diane Schechter with any questions.

Diane Schechter

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD BARRAR 1923–2019

RICHARD AND HIS WIFE ELAINE started hiking and attending summer camps with the Obsidians in 1968. He did four climbs and attended three summer camps. Their last activity was a bus trip, Eagles 'N More, in 2002. They loved the outdoors, especially hiking and cross-country skiing. Dick and Elaine also enjoyed hiking and backpacking in foreign countries. Elaine died in 2013. Richard is survived by his four children, twelve grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in The Register-Guard, August 5, 2019

BUD (RAYMOND HAMLIN) PROCTOR, JR. 1928–2019

BUD DIED SEPTEMBER 10 AT THE AGE OF 90. He joined the club in 1973 and was a member until 2007. He led most of his 21 climbs, earning his three and ten peak awards. He was climb chair during 1975 and 1976. He earned the hardest and most challenging ten peak leader award in 1988. Leading a group of climbers safely to the top and down takes a multitude of skills and grit. Bud had all of that plus a smile.

Jan Anselmo said that Bud played a huge part in teaching Rich and her how to climb. She wrote: *On a Snow Cave Outing February 25, 1989, I had just gotten out of a cast after breaking my leg and the doctor said I could go on the outing if I didn't ski down. We went up by chairlift as we dug the caves near Willamette Pass. Bud pulled me down in a rescue sled! He was on downhill ski patrol until he could no longer ski and then he would go up to the pass and work at the first aid hut.* Bud wrote with his usual humor in his trip report: *Snow caving for those as yet uninitiated into the full rites of mountaineering is an unusual mixture of periods of enjoyment, exhilaration and camaraderie interspersed with times of numbing cold, discomfort, and epic stoicism.*

Bud led Mt. Hood on May 18, 1980 and wrote: *We eventually reached the summit at 1 p.m., only to be met by two shockers: 1) the large number of people relaxing in the sunny but windy environment; and 2) the gigantic plume of smoke coming from Mt. St. Helens, a result of the immense eruption which occurred 90 minutes earlier.*

Bud's favorite climb was Three Fingered Jack. He climbed it for the first time in 1950 with Willi Unsoeld. Bud said that when they were getting near the top he asked Willi where climbers used a rope. Willi pointed back the way they had come. On August 1, 2009 Bud climbed Jack for the last time with leader Wayne Deeter, Doug Nelson, and others.

John Pegg wrote: *I feel a spirit of the history of mountaineering in Oregon has left us. My first ascent of North Sister was with Bud as leader. On the way up the glacier it was just getting light and something came tumbling down. I thought someone had dropped something ahead of me, but it was a rock that hit Bud in the thigh. He was obviously in a lot of pain, but told us to go ahead, he would have to rest a bit. When we got to the dinner plate, we were all really uncertain and discussing our options, when Bud came limping up and said, "I'll lead this." I saw the hematoma on his thigh afterwards and my respect level went even higher. He was a wonderful man.*

Cards can be sent to his wife, Peggy Proctor, at 26297 High Pass Rd, Junction City 97448.

ELLEN TRACY 1927–2019

ELLEN AND HER HUSBAND BOB (who died in 2012) were members from 1982 until 1999. They attended three summer camps. Ellen went on 27 hikes and five bus trips, including long bus trips to Montana and the San Juan Islands. Inurnment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Editor's Note: See the September 15, 2019 issue of The Register-Guard for a more detailed obituary.

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

QUOTES & PICS FROM SUMMER CAMP

Compiled by Janet Jacobsen and Bea Fontana

Grinnell Glacier



Photo by Holger Krentz.

THE ELEVEN-MILE ROUNDTrip GRINNELL GLACIER HIKE HAS MADE JIM NORTHPROP'S LIST OF THE TEN GREATEST HIKES OF NORTH AMERICA. The 1840-foot climb to an iceberg-filled glacier lake offers unsurpassed views of Lakes Sherburne, Swiftcurrent, and Josephine, and emerald-hued Grinnell Lake. The trail is not for those with fear of heights, nor for those who cannot handle rocky ground and hundreds of steps, putting the 131 steps on Spencer Butte to shame. One passage requires skirting dripping waterfalls on slick metamorphic rock, with a 100-foot drop off. The ice-cold water of the glacier lake would stop even Vern Marsonette and Betty Grant from proceeding farther in than their ankles. Views of several bighorn sheep and a young black bear grazing on berries 75 yards upslope highlighted a memorable hike with my five hiking companions, led by Janet Jacobsen. Definitely a hike not to be missed!! **Jim Northrop's trip report read in a fast-paced, breathless voice.**

Trail Ride

AFTER TWO DAYS OF HIKING, FIVE OF US DECIDED TO TAKE A BREAK mid-week and go on a half-day trail ride. We each were assigned our own horse, tacked up with a western saddle; we wore helmets for safety; we packed our snacks in our saddle bags. For 4½ hours, on a gorgeous afternoon with incredible vistas, we walked along Poia Lake trail, fording several creeks, climbing up rocky paths, encountering a black bear about 80 yards away in an open meadow, until we came to the Sherburne Overlook, where we stopped for our snacks. **Wendy Dame**

*Group photo at the turn-around point
—smiling to be out of the saddle for a few minutes!*

Photo taken by our guide.



Ptarmigan Tunnel

PTARMIGAN TUNNEL WAS OUR "BIG DEAL" HIKE for this camp, and it turned out to be well worth it. The walk through the tunnel and the view into the inaccessible (except on foot) wilderness to the north is stunning. And to make it complete, a group ahead of us came upon a family of ptarmigan with adults and teenagers, and the birds were good enough to remain for a while. **Richard Essenberg**

Clockwise from upper left:

*The entrance to Ptarmigan Tunnel,
built in 1931 by the CCC.*

*John Jacobsen exiting the tunnel
on the other side.*

The view.

Photos by Nancy White.



Take a look at the 270+ photos posted in the *New Gallery/Members Only* including 37 photos of wildlife and many more of Obsidians enjoying beautiful scenery.

St. Mary and Virginia Falls

OUR GROUP WANTED TO SEE ST. MARY AND VIRGINIA FALLS starting at the Sun Point Nature Trail. Ranger Collin led us to St. Mary Falls providing historical perspectives and funny stories. We went on to have a lovely lunch below Virginia Falls. Two highlights were the dipper birds playing in the water and two moose standing in St. Mary Lake eating grass they pulled up from the bottom. Big thank you to Ranger Collin. *Denise Bean*

THIS IS MY FIRST RECOLLECTION OF OBSIDIANS USING A DOUBLE SHUTTLE on an outing—shuttling from camp to the Park Visitor Center to fill the empty park shuttle up to St. Mary Falls shuttle stop. The return shuttle was not so smooth ... sixteen of the group got on the shuttle and the remaining six had to wait an hour for the next shuttle. Whew...The waterfalls were GREAT!!!! *Jim Pierce*



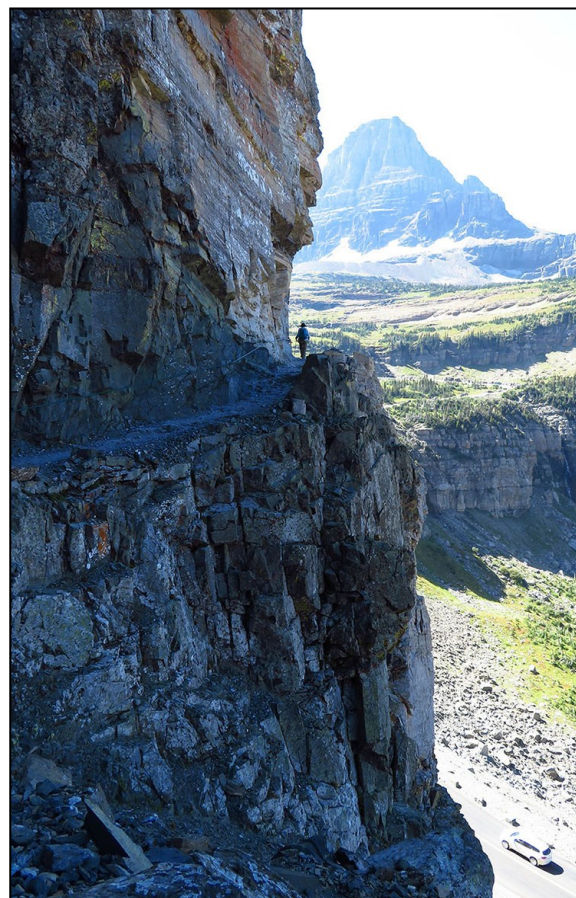
*St. Mary Falls.
Photo by Nancy Matthews.*

Piegan Pass

ON THE ONE WAY 12.8 MILE PIEGAN PASS HIKE WE OFTEN STOPPED TO GAZE AT THE SPECTACULAR SCENERY. We also stopped, planted our poles, turned away from the wind, and waited for it to subside. Some of our group were actually clinging to each other during these gusts. The wind didn't detract from this hike, though, it just made it more memorable. *Dave Cooper*



*Piegan Pass hikers, led by Lana Lindstrom.
Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Highline trail. Watch your step!
Photo by Holger Krentz.*

Highline hike from Logan Pass

THE HIGHLINE HIKE FROM LOGAN PASS PROVIDED FANTASTIC BREATHTAKING VIEWS of the valleys and highway below, mountains in the distance, and rock features above us. We came across half a dozen big-horn sheep grazing just above us and mountain goats in the distance. Hiking the trail a day later provided excitement when a boulder the size of a large watermelon came crashing down from the cliffs above, crossing the trail 50 yards ahead of us. *Dave Hawkins*

Going-to-the-Sun Road

GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD, CARVED OUT OF CLIFFS IN 1933, is one of the top ten thrilling bike rides in the U.S. I'd heard about it for years and wondered if I would be up to the challenge; with my trusty e-assist Bike Friday, I was pretty sure I could make it. Thurs., Sept. 5, I started out from our camp at St. Mary. There were few cars and no other cyclists on the road on that misty morning. Stopping to take photos of the peaks, waterfalls, and wildflowers, I arrived at Logan Pass around 1:30, where I met some Obsidian hikers. Biking stats: 39 miles roundtrip from camp, 3,000 ft. cumulative elevation gain, 2.45 hours to Logan Pass, 57 minutes from Logan Pass back to camp. *Ruthy Kanagy*



*Steve Johnson's Crypt Lake hike took us up through this valley.
Photo by David Cooper.*

Crypt Lake Hike

IT'S FUNNY HOW PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE SAME HIKE DIFFERENTLY. I thought the round trip 10.8-mile Crypt Lake hike in Waterton, Canada was beautiful with some unique trail design features. Specifically, I'm referring to the 8 foot iron ladder up to the 80 ft. tunnel and the steel cable traverse for a scramble along a sheer cliff. Others used the words harrowing and terrifying, but we could all agree that this trip is more about the trail than the destination. We did not need passports to hike around the lake where one crosses the border into the United States. *Dave Cooper*



Ruthy Kanagy thrilled to reach Logan Pass and the Continental Divide.

*below: Going to the Sun Road tour bus.
—The easy way to do it.
Photo by Holger Krentz.*



*Marguerite approaches the tunnel.
There is an eight foot metal ladder to access the entrance.*



Photos by David Cooper.



Marguerite in the tunnel. It got smaller as you passed through.

Rain on the last day...

RAIN DID NOT STOP OBSIDIANS ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP. Groups headed out to Cracker Lake, St. Mary Falls, Red Eagle Lake, Swiftcurrent Lake Trail, and Hidden Lake. Nikki Frank led a large group followed by other Obsidians to the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning where a well-informed staff person shared stories about “The Blackfeet 500 Generations On This Land” and the four most important things to see in the museum. John Jacobsen found the graves of his aunt and uncle (a Blackfoot Indian) in the Browning cemetery. Later while driving on Highway 2 we stumbled upon a monument marker for Camp Disappointment, the northernmost campsite of the Lewis and Clark expedition. For a change from camp sandwiches, some Obsidians ate lunch at the casino in Browning or at one of the historic lodges. It was the last chance to eat wild huckleberries or huckleberry ice cream!

Janet Jacobsen



*A wet hike to Cracker Lake but well worth it.
Photo by Pat Soussan.*

The Pavilion

The well-lit Pavilion was a welcome sight for anyone finding their way in the dark to help prepare breakfast, coffee, and lunch fixin's. Dave Strutin was one of four early risers who saw the camp's resident fox on the way to the Pavilion. (*overheard from Lana Lindstrom*)



In the morning everyone gathers to get out and hike.



Good food and good times.

Photos by Holger Krentz.



*Betty Grant models her Obsidian gear for the contest. Note the Obsidian whistle earrings!
Photo by Carla Cooper.*

Obsidian Gear Contest

BACK AT CAMP FOR PIZZA AND SALAD, ALL WERE IN A JOYFUL MOOD. Friday night's entertainment was capped off with the Obsidian Gear Contest presented by the Concessions Committee. The goal was to wear the most items. Betty Grant captured the Most Creative Award by sporting earrings she fashioned with Obsidian whistles. Holger Krentz came in second by wearing six items, but new member and first-time summer camper, Carol Mosman, edged him out and wowed the crowd as she revealed layer after layer of t-shirts for first place. *Carla Cooper*

Molky

MOLKKY (A FINNISH THROWING GAME) is simple to play and a lot of fun, especially in the summer camp setting after dinner. Multiple players can play, and the game gets more challenging as the pins get spread out. Obsidian spectators cheered and encouraged a competitive spirit. Thanks to Vern for making the set of twelve pins and sharing the game with us. *Holger Krentz*

Vern Marsonette showing his expertise at the game he introduced to the Obsidians.

Photo by Carla Cooper.

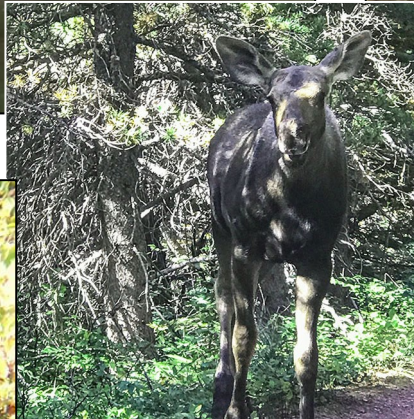




Moose at Fishercap Lake, many Glaciers.



Mountain goat and kid.



Young moose encountered on the Redrock Falls/Bullhead Lake hike.



Grazing black bear.



Bighorn sheep.



Male grizzly.



Young deer on the trail to St. Mary Falls.



Marmot.

*Photographers:
Nancy Matthews: [adult] moose, black bear, grizzly, mountain goats, sandpiper
Holger Krentz: young deer, bighorn sheep, marmot
Carla Cooper: young moose*



Solitary sandpiper, Redrock Falls, many Glaciers.

Large and Small Wildlife Sightings

MY FAVORITE LARGE AND SMALL WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS FROM GLACIER SUMMER CAMP: At Haystack saddle on the Highline trail, Kathie Carpenter, Merany Corson, Jorma Meriaho, Rich Romm and I, plus about two dozen other hikers, watched a young adult grizzly bear chase a bighorn ram away from a large rock. The bear sniffed and rubbed against the rock, then backed up to the rock for a lengthy, stand-up, paw-waving shimmy before bear and hikers went their separate ways. At the edge of Iceberg Lake, Susan Wanser, Dave Cooper and I watched a 3" American water shrew climb on the rocks, swim, dive and do back flips in the water. Brr! Apparently, air bubbles trapped in the fur help with buoyancy and fringe hairs on their feet allow them to briefly walk on water. Who knew? They have a high metabolic rate and (like many Obsidians) cannot go without food for more than three hours. *Karen Yoerger*

Beautiful Rock

The rock of Glacier National Park is, at a distance, massive and awe inspiring. It is also stunningly beautiful in detail.



Photo by Carla Cooper.



Photo by Darko Sojak.

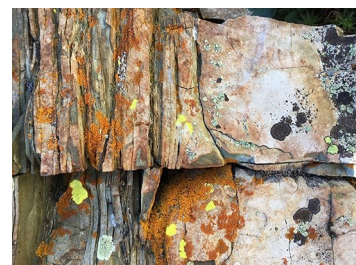


Photo by Pat Soussan.

A PRESIDENT'S TEA TO REMEMBER

THE SUMMER HIKING CAMP AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK featured good weather, great hikes, good food, and after dinner the sharing of hikes completed. The highlight of the evening events was the traditional President's Tea where the seated president endures a good roasting. Being the 2019 president, I was a bit nervous about what would transpire. The ceremony started with my former Obsidian presidents escorting me to the Safety Guru Throne created by Bea Fontana. Brian Hamilton placed the white gauze turban crown on my head and Jim Pierce presented the Q-Tip scepter. After I took my place on the throne, Obsidians gleefully sang *Where's The Band Aid?* to the tune of Frere Jacques and then stuck several band aids on their faces.

*Where's the Band Aid? Where's the Band Aid?
I don't know, I don't know
Hiding in my pocket, Hiding in my pocket
Rip Rip Stick. Rip Rip Stick.*

Jan Anselmo took the stage and handed out some interesting gifts as she proceeded to roast me with events that had taken place over the years. A bright red risqué outfit and a red purse with a cross on it signifying my role as Safety Committee Chair were ceremoniously presented. Nancy Whitfield added to the festivities by presenting me with a stone shaped like a pizza slice with the local flora as the ingredients on top. Margaret Essenberg handed me a bottle that I might use as a demonstration sample for teaching purposes. It was labeled *Urine of a Well-hydrated Hiker*. It appeared to contain clear water.

Last but not least of these gifts was the traditional necklace of fragrant pearls made from the droppings of either deer, elk or maybe rabbit?? This last gift is to be cherished and kept in a safe place until it can be passed on to the next Obsidian President at the 2020 camp in the Sawtooths. It was certainly an honor to receive these generous gifts, and when asked to make some comments, I thanked Lana Lindstrom and the summer camp committee for a very successful camp. They received a round of well-deserved applause.

The summer camp committee and the 22 other committees that make Obsidian events happen need volunteers. As we approach another decade, we are looking for new volunteers on these committees. The August/September *Bulletin* has an Obsidian Club renewal form which has a place where you can check mark a committee you are interested in helping with. The more people that step forward the easier it is to plan the events of the club. New ideas to attract new members are welcome. The Obsidian annual meeting takes place on October 11 at the Lodge—if you have an idea bring it along—they will be collected and shared with the board and committees.

*Lyndell Wilken
2019 Obsidian President*



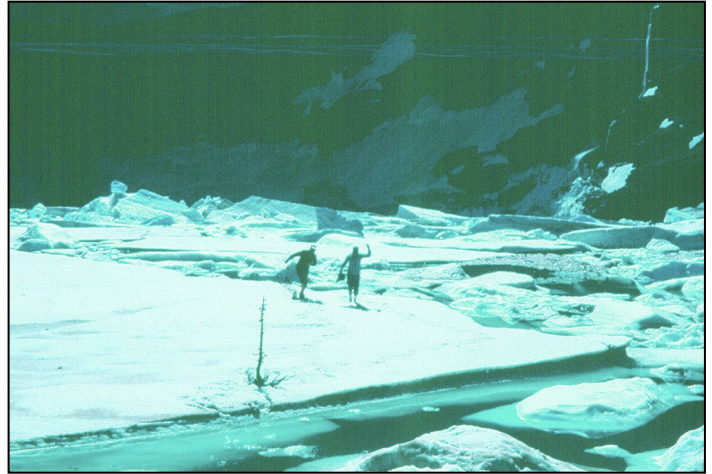
*Lyndell Wilken gets the elk poop necklace placed by John Jacobsen.
Photo by Holger Krentz.*

GLACIER SUMMER CAMP THEN AND NOW

AT THE 2019 SUMMER CAMP, JIM NORTHROP SHARED THAT HIS MOTHER AND FATHER (Keena and Bob) attended the 1953 Glacier summer camp. Someone jokingly asked Jim if there was any possibility he was conceived at the summer camp. His reply was *No*. Back in Eugene Jim had more to say: *My parents were not yet married at the 1953 Summer Camp. (They married in 1955). My mom said the single women stayed in a large tent for single women and the single men stayed in a separate tent for single men. So my brothers and I could not have been conceived at summer camp!* His father took the photo of Clarence Scherer and Clarence (Clancy) Bankhead standing on an iceberg at Iceberg Lake.



*Iceberg Lake Sept 2019:
No icebergs, but beautiful color in the lake.
Photo by Carla Cooper*



*Iceberg Lake August 1953.
Photo by Bob Northrop*

Glacier Park Summer Camp: Leader Lana Lindstrom

PURPLE MOUNTAINS MAJESTY WITH A FEW GLACIERS AND PATCHES OF SNOW; U-shaped glaciated valleys; straddling the Continental Divide at Logan Pass; turquoise lakes in steep sided cirques; waterfalls galore; black and grizzly bears, moose, deer, big-horn sheep, mountain goats, and a swimming shrew; at least 15 varieties of flowers in bloom; delicious thimble and huckleberries; and bright night skies with millions of stars—all contributed to a fabulous Summer Camp exploring the *Crown Jewel* of the national parks! Clear, sunny skies with temperatures in the low to mid-70s made hiking very enjoyable and the 45-mile per hour wind gusts on the Piegan Pass to Many Glacier Hotel hike were very memorable! The food, especially the lasagna, and berry cobblers with whipped cream, was delicious. Having a pavilion to hang out in and making new friends during meals were gratifying. And hearing Jan Anselmo explain the ten essentials of a stylish purse/first aid kit to Lyndell during the President's Tea was hilarious!

What an outstanding summer camp! I particularly appreciated the lead Obsidians who worked extra hard and long to be sure that food and drinks were served timely and cleaned up, dishes were washed, and the garbage was properly thrown out. Thank you very, very much: Brewmasters: Dorene and Richard S. / Breakfast: Randy and Jorry / Oatmeal chef: Diantha / Dinners: Michelle and Mary / Lunch prep: Jennifer, Laurie, Darko, and Darlene / Lunch set-up: Jan and Rich A., Keiko, and Susan / Lunch clean-up: Marguerite and Rich R. / Evening Beverages: Barby and Carol P. / Dishwashers: Bill and Dave H. / Egg Boilers: Pat S., Nikki, Holger, and Lou / Camp Clean-up: John H. / Hiker supplies monitor: Fumiyo / Greeters: Janet J., Kris and Nancy W. / U-Haul trailer pullers: Randy and Steve C. / Concessions: Carla / President's Tea: Bea and Janet J. / Registrar and Treasurer: John J. / Booklet editor: Steve C. Twenty-seven Obsidians (denoted below with asterisks) led a variety of hikes during camp; many led more than one. They ranged from strolls through wetlands to modest five to seven mile hikes to challenging 13 milers involving a shuttle. Many hiked at least part of the Highline Trail and at least a dozen drove to Canada to hike to Crypt Lake. Thanks, awesome leaders, for doing the research and being willing to coordinate exploring this very special place. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts and commitments which resulted in an exceptional Summer Camp in a very special place!!!

Members: Joanna Alexander, Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Linda Anson, Charles Ashmore, Barbara Aten, Jennifer Baer,* Barby Bakke, Denise Bean*, Michael Bean, Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Jill Cooney, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Michelle Cordon*, Steve Cordon*, Barbara Kay Cosby, Alan Curtis*, Wendy Dame*, Diana Dinn, James Dinn*, Don Doerr, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Patricia Esch, Margaret Essenberg*, Richard Essenberg*, Bea Fontana, Nikki Frank*, Sheridan Gates, Betty Grant*, Esme Greer, Joel Greer*, Brian Hamilton*, Mary Hamilton, David Hawkins, John Hegg, Sara Henley, Nancy Hoecker, Scott Hovis*, Richard Hughes*, Diantha Hull, Janet Jacobsen*, John Jacobsen, Steven Johnson*, Ruthy Kanagy, Michael King, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom*, Lou Maenz, Darlene Mancuso, Laurie Marshall, Vern Marsonette, Helen Martz, Nancy Matthews, Wanda Meck, Jorma Meriaho, Bill Montgomery, Carol Mosman, Ed Mosman, Nola Nelson, Judy Newman, Jim Northrop*, Steve Olson, Carol Petty, Jim Pierce*, Beki Ries-Montgomery, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Richard Shields*, Randy Sinnott*, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Dorene Steggell*, Meg Stewart Smith, David Strutin*, Pamela Swisher, Ron Swisher, Fumiyo Tao, Sam Tracer*, Susan Wanser, Nancy White, Nancy Whitfield*, Lyndell Wilken*, Kris Wolters, Karen Yoerger*. Nonmembers: Suzanne McQueen, Sheila Marsonette, Merany Corson.

TRIP REPORTS



Climbs

South Sister - Prouty Glacier

June 8, 2019

Leader: Marge Huseman

Assistant Leader: Grant Barba

Climb: 12 miles, 4,800 ft. (Difficult)

DUBBED BY THIS OBSIDIAN CREW TO BE THE ‘SPICY’ SIDE OF SOUTH SISTER, the Prouty Glacier allowed us to climb a side of the mountain enjoyed by very few South Sister climbers. As there still was a significant snowpack at our camp at Green Lakes, we were surprised that the top of the Prouty Glacier was already mixed ice/rock. We roped up for the Glacier and placed all of our pickets to protect the steep couloir just to climbers left of the Prouty. After spending all morning without another person in sight, when we gained the summit of South Sister we joined the party of skiers who had ascended the standard route. We all looked overdressed in our harnesses, pickets, crampons, and ice axes. It was satisfying to hear the other climbers comment on our footsteps that could be seen from the summit and wonder who had possibly come up those. All eight people on the climb made the summit, and we enjoyed a long glissade back down to Green Lakes, then hiked out the same day. The team did a great job working as part of a rope team for hours and rallying through a 12+ hour summit day. Members: Grant Barba, Brian Humphreys, Marge Huseman, GuruParkash Khalsa, Krista Shennum, Scott Timms. Nonmembers: Scott Chase, Mikel Rhodes.

Mt. Jefferson

June 21, 2019

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 12 miles, 7,000 ft. (Difficult)

DUE TO THE WARM WEATHER, WE OPTED FOR THE WEST RIB via the Woodpecker Ridge Trailhead and Milk Creek approach (June 21). Jen Marlow assisted with the lead. Despite the late season, we had plenty of snow to travel up the Milk Creek drainage due to apparently a very large avalanche earlier in the year that left a deep snowpack all the way to the PCT. We bivvied around 6,200 ft. (one of the few flat spots in the area) and started climbing about 4:30 AM. We were able to stay on snow starting around 6,400 ft. up to the base of the summit pinnacle except for a single band of rock. Snow was great for crampons. We roped up across steep snow/ice to get to the east side of the north ridge and continued fixed lines up to the summit (June 22). Great day and visibility. The descent was long as the snow didn’t soften as we thought it would, so this forced a lot of down climbing instead of plunge stepping. We were off the summit by 1 PM and in camp about 4:30 PM, then hiked back to the cars. It was a strong group and a successful climb despite these concerns: goats in camp, a lost cell phone, forgotten glacier glasses, forgotten rappel device, and a rappel on a Munter. I think we were lucky with the snowy approach and I would recommend this route in the

future, although not so sure about the Milk Creek approach without the lucky avalanche. Members: Jennifer Marlow, Juli McGlinsky, Patrick Mucker, Scott Timms, Dalen Willhite.

Three Fingered Jack

August 11, 2019

Leader: Marge Huseman

Assistant Leader: Ted Dubrawski

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

A GROUP OF EIGHT SPIRITED OBSIDIANS LEFT THE PCT PARKING LOT in a light drizzle just before the sun came up. Weather forecasts promising clearing skies fueled the stoke of the day. The team saw brief glimpses of blue sky and sunshine as we made our way towards 3FJ. We climbed our way up to the ridge of the mountain thinking we could get above the clouds. Shortly before reaching the crawl, the reality of the weather hit. The temperature was dropping close to freezing, the wind was continuing to pick up, and we were all getting soaked from being in a cloud. Though disappointed we weren’t able to summit, we turned around and enjoyed sharing our collective snacks when we returned to the warmth of the PCT. The positive attitudes of the group made this an enjoyable outing despite not being able to enjoy the summit. Members: Theo Davis, Kellie Green, Marge Huseman, Colin Lahti, Kana Moll, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Shawn Prime, Joshua Arreola.

North Sister

August 11, 2019

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 16 miles, 4,800 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD TO MOVE OUR TRIP TO SUNDAY to accommodate the weather, but it turned out great. The traverse had only a bit of usable snow on what used to be the moat. Glad to have protection going to and from the moat due to loose rock. Other groups were happy to make use of the fixed line and our strong team still made good time to the summit. The only problem was the lack of leader treats, but he was let off with a warning. Members: Brian Humphreys, Jennifer Marlow, Patrick Mucker, Maryanne Reiter, Dalen Willhite.



Backpacks

Belknap Crater Stargazing

August 2, 2019

Leader and Photographer: Darko Sojak

8.8 miles, 1,680 ft. (Difficult)

ON THIS HOT FRIDAY AFTERNOON four of us hiked the PCT from HWY 242 to the base of Belknap Crater (6,300 ft.) in Mount Washington Wilderness. By 7 PM the temperature had dropped and clouds moved in. After we set our tents, we hiked to the top of the very windy Belknap Crater (6,877 ft.) in attempt to watch the sunset. The cold,



40+ miles per hour winds and cloudy west skies chased us down to the safety of base camp. Just after we finished our dinner, the sky cleared allowing us to enjoy the Milky Way and the night sky. Saturday morning a few of us hiked back to the NE slopes of Belknap Crater to enjoy long shadows of gorgeous sunrise, pleasant windless weather and spectacular views of Mt. Washington, Mt. Jefferson, the Three Sisters, Black Butte and more. After breakfast we broke our camp and hiked to nearby Little Belknap Crater for more good sights and exploration of lava tubes. Then, over the rugged lava fields, we hiked back to HWY 242. Members: Barbara Kay Cosby, James Dinn, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Becca Puleo.

Mount Hood Car Camp

August 12, 2019

Leader and Photographer: Daphne James

21 miles, 5,500 ft. (Difficult)



AS THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN OREGON, Mount Hood domi-

nates the skyline for miles and provides countless opportunities for adventure. Lakes, streams and waterfalls abound on the mountain and in the surrounding forests. Our first day we explored the northeast side of Hood on the Cooper Spur Trail. Starting out at Tilly Jane Trailhead, we hiked above Polallie Canyon to a stone shelter for lunch. From there above the tree line we had spectacular close-up views of Eliot Glacier as well as sightings of Mt. Adams and Mt. Rainier in the distance. We continued to climb the rocky switchbacks with the more ambitious among us making it up to Tie-in Rock, a large boulder at over 8,400 ft elevation. Our second day we explored the wildflower meadows at Cairne Basin. We hiked along Vista Ridge through a burn area covered with ripe huckleberries, crossed Ladd Creek on logs, and enjoyed the lovely green meadows and brilliant wildflowers at Eden Park and Cairne Basin. We stopped at a sweet small creek at Wy East Basin to kick back and cool off before heading back down Vista Ridge. On our last day we hiked through a green forest to lovely Lower Twin Lake for lunch and swimming Members: Steve Adey, Marguerite Cooney, Lisa Grissell, Daphne James, Steven Johnson, Jorma Meriaho, Rich Romm, Sue Wolling.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Main Trail Drainage

January 26, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET AT THE SEPNCER BUTTE TRAILHEAD to clear drainage ditches and culverts along the main trail. We hiked up to the summit to enjoy the views of snowy Cascade peaks before starting our work for the day. We then hiked back down to the uppermost drainage ditch and worked our way down the trail digging out the ditches and cleaning their associated culverts. Members: Matthew Bell, Kay Coots, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeck. Nonmembers: Linda Clemmer.

Blanton Rootwad Removal

April 27, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR VOLUNTEERS JOINED DEV AND IVERY of the City's Park and Open Space division to remove root wads and soil from the Ridgeline Trail in Blanton Ridge Park. Additionally, Clara did an excellent job cleaning the trailhead kiosk. Dan, Jim, and Aaron did excellent preparation for rowing by using the grip hoist to pull a large stump across the trail. It was slow work but sped up substantially when the stump rolled off the trail. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jim Northrop. Nonmembers: Nathaniel Bell, Aaron Gentry.



Hikes

Matthieu Lakes/Four-in-One Shuttle

July 29, 2019

Leader: Steve Adey

Photographer: Joel Greer

Hike: 12 miles, 800 ft. (Difficult)

THE HIKE, INCLUDING SIDE TRIPS to Yoran Crater and Four-in-One Cone, was 12.25 miles and took 6 1/4 hours at a moderate pace. The wildflowers were still pretty good.



Temperature was about 10 degrees cooler than the valley so hiking conditions were excellent. It is a 2-hour drive from Springfield to the PCT Trailhead. Members: Steve Adey, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Gordon Sayre.

Baker Beach

July 30, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

WE COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR BETTER SUMMER BEACH WEATHER. We thought we were getting foggy and windy, we got clear and sunny. We walked nonstop for one hour to the south. We stopped for a snack and water and to just enjoy having the beach mostly to ourselves. We returned via the same route. On the way back from the beach we surprised a doe and her two spotted fawns running across our trail back into the woods. We then went into Florence for lunch at a very nice pub called Home Grown before the ride home. Members: Jane Hackett, Helen Martz, Nancy Minson.

Scott Mountain/Benson Lake

July 31, 2019

Leader: Sue Wolling

Hike: 10 miles, 1,300 ft. (Difficult)

THIS TRIP WAS SCHEDULED ON A WEDNESDAY to avoid the crowded weekend parking, but it turned out to still be crowded at the trailhead. Since much of the crowd was a group of volunteers about to set off for several days of trail mainte-

nance and restoration, we happily made room for them. We set off on a gently climbing trail until, after a mile or so, we stopped to admire deep blue Benson Lake. A little more than a mile later, we arrived at the Tenas Lakes where we had thought about going for a swim but discovered one very large group of 20 or more—despite the wilderness restrictions—leaving the lake and a large family gathering splashing around in the water. We decided to skip the swimming, went back to the main trail and soon arrived at the cut-off to Scott Mountain. The mosquitoes, which had been quite manageable up to this point, suddenly became ferocious. We were glad we had less than a mile to hike through flowery meadows to arrive at the rocky summit of Scott Mountain where a nice breeze took care of the mosquitoes and the stunning views of the Cascade peaks from Mount Hood to Diamond Peak made for a classic mountaintop lunch stop. We then headed back down and took the *Scotty Way* trail through the woods and a small burn until the trail passed adjacent to an impressive lava flow with another mountain view. We soon arrived at Hand Lake and then completed the loop to return to Scott Lake. The group was of mixed opinion at the end of the hike: some found the last few miles tedious and would have preferred to return via the lakes, perhaps getting that swim in, while others appreciated doing a loop hike. Either way, it was a great way to spend a day in the mountains. Members: Betty Grant, Chris Stockdale, Susan Wanser, Sue Wolling. Non-members: Martin Basket.

Dorris/Clearwater Evening Hike

August 4, 2019

Leader: Evelyn Nagy

Hike: 8 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

THE HOT WEATHER DID NOT SLOW US DOWN. This trail is always enjoyable perhaps because it is underused. Had lively conversations all around and finished well before sundown. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Karla Rusow, Carol Woodman.

Blueberries and Hatchery via LTD

August 7, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Meg Stewart Smith

Hike: 5 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

A VISIT TO ORGANIC REDNECK FARM was the most pleasant aspect of our exploration. We each picked about eight pounds of blueberries and hopped off and on the LTD Bus nearby.



Here the river is flat, and the diversion is a working person's resource. The water in the canal is very low due to unsafe seepage. The Salmon Hatchery on Greenwood Road temporarily relocated its operation to the Leaburg Fish Hatchery. We learned about the fish tanks and observed an osprey. The walk along the canal was accessible and easy. The noise of trucks on the highway dampened my enthusiasm. I welcome your suggestions on how to access quieter hikes along the LTD #91 Route. Members: Meg Stewart Smith, Janet Whitesides.

Sutton Creek/Alder Dune

August 8, 2019

Leader: Judy Giers

Hike: 6.5 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD PERFECT WEATHER for this relatively easy walk along Sutton Creek through the interdunal forest along and through some dunes to lunch at Dune Lake. It wasn't warm enough to swim but that meant that the hike was cool and lovely. Small group with two new hikers who will make great new Obsidians! Members: Patricia Esch, Judy Giers, David Hawkins, Karla Rusow. Nonmembers: Laura Anderson, Gwen Gibbens.

Vivian Lake from Salt Creek Falls

August 10, 2019

Leader: Joel Greer

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 8 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER DRIVING THROUGH RAIN MOST OF THE WAY to Salt Creek Falls, the rain yielded to partly sunny skies and a comfortable 56 degrees. Eleven hikers enjoyed views of three



waterfalls: Salt Creek Falls, Diamond Creek Falls, and Fall Creek Falls. The trail was lined with rhododendrons and tasty wild huckleberries. Mosquitoes were abundant during much of the hike, but we countered with lemon eucalyptus oil repellent and mosquito net headgear. We ate lunch along the south shore of Vivian Lake, and Betty even went for a swim. The view of Diamond Creek Falls from below was very impressive. As we began getting back into our cars at the end of the hike, it began raining again. We all stopped at Brewers Union Local 180 in Oakridge on the return drive (the rain stopped shortly before we arrived). Today we led a charmed life! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Betty

Grant, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Liz Cooney.

Lookout Creek

August 11, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: David Cooper

Hike: 5 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

AMAZING HIKE. This area probably is the best representation of what the Cascade Range looked like before logging. The huge trees and lush understory with no evidence of any logging was startling. I think it helped that it had rained earlier so while my pants were getting soaked, I felt like I was in a



tropical forest. The trail was rough and from the time you dropped down into the canyon and crossed the first bridge at the beginning you had gained over a thousand feet of elevation in short steep pitches. We stopped short of the second trailhead at the second creek crossing due to the bridge that looked more like a wet slide than a bridge. We all thought this would be a great fall color hike because of the abundance of vine maple, or a spring wildflower hike because of the numerous rhododendrons. This is the only time I have ever thought Oregon grape was beautiful; big bunches of blue grapes lay close to the ground offering contrast to the green. I recommend rain pants and poles if you go. Members: George Cardenas, David Cooper, Jane Hackett, Karla Rusow. Nonmembers: Ernst Schwintzer, Murray Mcleod.

Brice Creek

August 14, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

BRICE CREEK HAS TAKEN A BEATING from winter snows and spring rains. The creek is beautiful and blue, clear enough to see the bottom and small trout swimming around. I stopped counting the number of downed trees—too many to count—and the Upper Falls Trail is washed out in many places with more downed trees, as reported by two young guys who made the loop. The pretty Lower Falls Trail, cleared at the beginning, is doable. The drainage below the falls is crammed with woody debris. The upper part of the main trail, where we started, has three big trees down. All but one was easy to negotiate. The old growth tree gave you enough room to crawl under. Lunch along the creek was enjoyed by all. My

thanks to Jean Harris for being the second car for the shuttle. Members: Joanna Alexander, Judy Giers, Jane Hackett, Jean Harris.

Rigdon Lakes

August 17, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT, the group was perfect, the lakes were perfect, the huckleberries were perfect. We had an



amazing hike around the Rigdon Lakes and Lake Kiwa. We grazed on huckleberries on the trail and picked many over lunch at Lake Kiwa. On the way back we stopped at Waldo Lake and several jumped in for a quick swim. It was a perfect day! Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Paul Flashenberg, Holger Krentz, Evelyn Nagy, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde.

Spring Blvd. to Spencer Butte

August 17, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT THE QUIET SPRING BLVD TRAILHEAD AT 7:30 AM and two hours later, we were on top of the sparsely populated



Spencer Butte. On the way down we think we met hordes of summiting Pisgaherians. (Pisgah was closed because of the

fire.) At the scenic switchback on the steps, hikers cheered and clapped when Lynn carefully retrieved a plastic bottle in poison oak on a precarious gravelly steep slope. Thanks to Dave who guided us on the Baldy and Fox Hollow upper and lower trails adding variety and more elevation. We were back at the Spring Trailhead at 11:30. Members: Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Dorene Steggell.

Cape Perpetua

August 18, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

WE PARKED AT THE BASE OF CAPE PERPETUA, crossed the highway and started our hike at Devil's Churn. We then spent a perfect day exploring everything the area has to offer from tide pools to beaches. We crossed through the tunnel after watching Thor's Well fill with the incoming tide. There was not enough wave pressure to get the blow hole working. After hiking up to the Visitor Center, we spent some time enjoying a good exhibit on Native Americans who lived in the area. Then on to the giant Sitka. We arrived back at the car in midafternoon and drove to the top for great views. (We should have done the climb of the Cape first before it got so sunny.) Joanna had binoculars to see that, with the tide in all the way, the blow hole was working. Stopped at Strawberry Hill on the way back to observe lots of seals in the water. Stopped to get coffee at Florence and then home. Members: Joanna Alexander, Kathleen Ehli, Jane Hackett.

Diamond Peak: PCT and Mt. Yoran trails

August 19, 2019

Leader: Steve Adey

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 11.5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)

A KEY EXCHANGE ALLOWS THIS TO BE A ONE-WAY THROUGH HIKE, rather than an out-and-back. The travel time to either



trail head is about 1.5 hours. Hiking time, including good lunch break, is about six hours at a brisk pace, seven hours at a more moderate pace. The 6.7-mile PCT section is not particularly exciting, but is a nice gradual climb in the woods past several lakes. The Divide Lake Trail (4.8 to the PCT) is steeper and has more views. Some might prefer to walk up it rather than down. The huckleberries were mostly gone. No mosquitoes. Members: Steve Adey, Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen.

Scott Mountain Loop

August 23, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 9.7 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

DAVID LODEESEN AND JANET JACOBSEN SUGGESTED THAT WE HIKE THE LOOP COUNTER-CLOCKWISE. This direction



put swimming at Tenas Lake at the end of the trip. It was a perfect suggestion. This also put hiking in more shade at the end. We had great weather—80 degrees. There were a few pesky mosquitoes but nothing that bothered us much. Lunch was at the top of Scott Mountain. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, James Dinn, Jean Harris, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, David Roderick, Janet Whitesides, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kathy Brenner.

Mt. Baldy Sunrise

August 24, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN OF US HIKED TO THE TOP OF MT. BALDY to welcome the sun. It was a nice morning! Members: Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Holger Krentz, Toresa Martell, Diana Masarie, Jorry Rolfé, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: John Anderson.

Sweet Creek

August 25, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Hike: 3 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

GOOD TIME TO GO TO SWEET CREEK FALLS. Not a lot of people. We saw every waterfall along the creek as well as every rock. A good day for both of us. We added a side trip to Mapleton to get coffee and check out what's new. It was all new to me except for Alfa-Bit. I never knew you could get ice cream cones at the grocery store. Members: Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett.

Waxmyrtle Trail and Beach

August 25, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6.2 miles, 150 ft. (Easy)

WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR BETTER WEATHER! Our hike along Siltcoos River and on the beach was great. After the hike, the whole group stopped at Florence for tasty



crab chowder. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Kathleen Ehli, Judy Giers, Esmé Greer, Holger Krentz, Toresa Martell, Diana Masarie, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Broken Top Crater Lake/Tam McArthur

August 27, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Daphne James

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 11.6 miles, 1,900 ft. (Difficult)

ON A WARM AND SUNNY TUESDAY, WE HIKED FROM TAM McARTHUR RIM to stunning Broken Top Crater Lake, sometimes called *No Name Lake*. We began our hike at the Tam McArthur Rim Trailhead, across from Three Creek Lake, fifteen miles south of the town of Sisters. After hiking 2.5 miles up to the viewpoint on the edge of Tam McArthur



Rim, we continued on an unmaintained, but obvious, trail for an additional 2.2 miles. This trail took us over a sandy red cone and along the rim to the base of Broken Hand. Getting around Broken Hand can be a challenge. We chose a narrow, rocky ledge on the east side. This trail, which drops off on one side and has the mountain on the other, requires caution. Once around Broken Hand, we had our first sight-



Photo by Steve Johnson of the Broken Top group by Three Creek Lake

ing of the turquoise lake nestled in the crater of Broken Top and a glimpse of the beauty to come. From here we scrambled a mile over the rocky ridge to an 8,300 ft. panoramic viewpoint about 200 feet above the lake. We hiked down a sandy path for a lakeside lunch. For our return to the trailhead we found an unmarked trail through the valley several hundred feet below Broken Hand. This trail took us past Broken Hand then rejoined the rim trail we came in on. Although considerably less strenuous and safer than being up on the ridge, this way around Broken Hand lacks the dramatic views found higher up. If you choose to get to Broken Top this way, you might consider taking the short side trip up to the high point above the lake for some of the best views in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Any way you go, this hike is a worthwhile adventure. Members: Larry Dunlap, Jean Harris,

Daphne James, Steven Johnson, David Strutin. Nonmembers: Martin Baskett, Jeanine Taylor.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

Leaders: James Dinn (8/7): 13 Members, 1 Non
 Steve Cordon (8/14): 18 Members
 David Cooper (8/21): 15 Members, 2 Non
 Mike Smith (8/28): 11 Members, 1 Non

Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

Leader: Janet Jacobsen:
 August 14: 11 Members, 2 Nonmembers
 September 12: 12 Members, 4 Nonmembers

Hike leaders are needed for late summer and early fall hikes!

THIS IS OFTEN THE BEST TIME OF YEAR FOR MANY HIKES: the mosquitoes are gone, it's a little cooler, and there are fewer people on the trails. We all have hikes we'd like to do. And there's no point in saying *maybe next year*. Let's get out there now. Explore new trails or visit old favorites. Special permit areas like the Obsidian Loop and Pamela Lake have lots of openings on weekdays. Want to hike parts of the PCT? Now is a good time because the through-hikers should be out of Oregon. How about hikes with great fall color? Need ideas? Here are a few suggestions: Jefferson Park, Clear Lake (for fall colors), Fawn Lake, Opal Creek, the Twins, Bingo Lake, Metolius River.

Remember that the Obsidian website has links to great resources. Just click on *Outdoor Links* on the left side of the home page. So many places, let's get out there! Submit your trip!

Summer Trips conclude November 15. Dave Cooper, chair, summertrips@obsidians.org

Winter Trips start November 16. Steve Cordon, chair, wintertrips@obsidians.org

UPCOMING



Bus Trips 2019

Bus Trips Wait List

USUALLY WE DO NOT NEED TO MAINTAIN A WAIT LIST on bus trips. However, this year we have had to set a maximum number of participants and maintain a wait list on the next two upcoming bus trips. The reasons are beyond our control, such as: limited seating on secondary transportation, limited lodging available, limited space in a facility that we plan to visit. Since we have people who call the registrar directly, and we also have online sign up, **IF** you sign up for a bus trip online and see that it puts you on the wait list, **PLEASE** also call the trip registrar to let them know you would like to go on the trip and secure your place on the wait list.

CHINESE HISTORY IN PORTLAND

October 17 (Thurs)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Vern Marsonette

Cost: \$75 (\$77 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Marcia Claypool 736-3896

Located in Portland's *Old Town* are the remnants of a thriving Chinese community dating back to the 1870s. At one time it was the second largest Chinatown in the United States. This is an Oregon history story that we'll experience at the new Chinese Museum opened in December, 2018. We will also tour the

beautiful and culturally inspiring Lan Su Chinese Garden. Lunch (cost included) will be at the Golden Horse restaurant. In recent times, with gleaming new developments happening in the *Old Town* historic district, the Chinese community is moving to 82nd street on the east side of Portland. We will return to Eugene via the east side and down Highway 99.

CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Mon)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$78 (\$80 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk 302-8160

NOTE LATER DEPARTURE TIME

Load bus at Shopko, 12:15 PM., depart 12:30

Travel I-5 north to Albany Fairgrounds for our 2:00 PM tour of Storybook Land. Afterward we will travel to Corvallis for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the Willamette River (cost included). Returning home via Highway 99, we should arrive at approximately 9:00 PM.

Please Note: When paying for bus trips, each bus trip requires a separate check. Please make checks payable to *Obsidian Bus Trips* and indicate the trip it covers. Thank you!

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Online sign up is now available for all Bus Trips

Future of Obsidian Bus Trips

Sharon Cutsforth

OBSIDIAN BUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF RECREATION, EXPLORATION, FUN AND ADVENTURE SINCE THE EARLY 1970S (OR BEFORE). These trips have provided our riders a safe and interesting source of travel, as well as opportunities to meet new people, form new friendships, and visit new places. One only has to look through the list of Bus Trip reports on the Obsidian website to learn about the amazing bus trip destinations.

Unfortunately, the future of Obsidian bus trips is becoming more uncertain as the number of Obsidians willing or able to lead bus trips is rapidly decreasing. Any Obsidian can help with planning and leading bus trips by teaming up with Bus Committee members; you do not need to be on the Bus Committee. We are encouraging the idea of teamwork in developing selected trips—it is much easier when working with one or two other people and the workload can be shared.

Over the last few years the number of bus trips offered has been decreasing due to lack of leaders. Our long-time, committed leaders are getting burned out and if bus trips are to continue it will be necessary for more Obsidians to step up and help out. We will soon begin planning trips for 2020. There are lots of ideas available and we welcome new ideas. Current leaders are willing to share their knowledge regarding planning and leading. However, if new people don't step up to help lead bus trips the number of trips offered will be reduced even more. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** If you would like to help with bus trips, have questions or want more information please contact:

Sharon Cutsforth, 746-4929, skcutsforth@comcast.net

Jim Northrop, 343-3426, jim.b.northrop@gmail.com.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, October 15 at 7 PM

The Ecology of Surprise: Ecology and Environmental Ethics in an Old Growth Forest

Dr. Michael Paul Nelson

JOIN US FOR A THOUGHT-PROVOKING CONVERSATION WITH DR. MICHAEL PAUL NELSON, environmental philosophy and ethics professor at OSU. He will discuss the Long-Term Ecological Research program that he leads at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest (“Oregon’s hidden gem” according to Oregon historian Bill Robbins), share surprising scientific discoveries, and present a new way to see science, or some science, as a novel way into ethics. Writer Kathleen Dean Moore notes that Nelson “is different from most philosophers. He’s funny and irreverent and worried about the world....”



POTLUCK

Friday, October 25 at 6:30 PM

Exploring Exotic Morocco With Lana Lindstrom

KASBAHS, CAMELS, SOUKS, SAND DUNES, MOSQUES, AND A CACOPHONY OF SOUNDS—Morocco is truly an awe-inspiring place to visit. Join inveterate traveler Lana Lindstrom in exploring this unique North African country.



Potluck
Friday, October 25, 2019
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... and \$1 to help cover club expenses.

Follow the Balloons to the Lodge!



You are invited to
Ethel Etter Allen’s
100 Year Birthday Celebration

Saturday, November 2, 2019
The Obsidian Lodge
Open House
1:00–4:00 PM

No gifts. Card basket.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

September

28 Sat National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt **M** Bell 503-884-8829
28 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
29 Sun Irish Lake to Stormy Lake PCT Hike **M**..... Sojak 799-9199
29 Sun Coffin Mountain / Bachelor Mt Hike **M** Jacobsen 206-1251

October

2 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**.. Smith 520-488-9569
3 Thu Green Lakes Trail Car Camp **M**..... Brown 214-930-6394
4 Fri Peregrine Traverse- Acker Rock Climb **D** Reiter 521-8472
5 Sat Crabtree Valley Hike **M**..... Sojak 799-9199
7 Mon Four In One Cone Hike **M** Smith 520-488-9569
7 Mon Mckenzie River Trail Hike **M**..... Schechter 206-7723
8 Tue South Slough Kayak/Canoe Ext Trp **M**... Lindstrom 683-1409
9 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Baer 431-0767
12 Sat Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
15 Tue Ecology of Surprise..... **ExploraTalk**
16 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501

17 Thu Chinese History in Portland **Bus** West 484 5508
20 Sun Lookout Creek Trail Hike **M**..... Cooper 868-5427
23 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501
25 Fri Exploring Morocco **Potluck**
26 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829
30 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... King 554-1180

November

5 Tue UO Fossil Collection Hike Lindstrom 683-1409
6 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Rundle 653-0741
12 Tue Hiking Oregon Ancient Forests..... **ExploraTalk**
13 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Cooper 868-5427
22 Fri Wallows/Elkhorn Mountains..... **Potluck**
30 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829

December

9 Mon Christmas Storybook Land in Albany OR Bus Beard 994-2337
9 Thu Cape Lookout Cabins Ext Trp **M**..... Nagy 514-4110

Be sure to check online for the most recent additions to the activity calendar!

obsidians.org/onlinesignup/index.htm

Welcome New Members!

Laura Anderson
Eugene, 97405

John Anderson
Eugene, 97405

Martin Baskett
Eugene, 97405

Jilly Cooney
Eugene, 97403

Nancy Giammatteo
Eugene, 97401

Ken Hartupee
Eugene, 97401

Donna Moman
Eugene, 97404

Tracy Vilhauer
Eugene, 97408

Cape Lookout Cabins Extended Trip

January 9–11, 2020

REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1 for nine people in three deluxe cabins at Cape Lookout State Park on Oregon's north coast. There are numerous splendid beach and cape hikes to explore. Meals are on your own except for two dinners. Pre-trip meeting on Sunday, January 5, at 4:00. Cost is \$85 for Obsidian members.

Evelyn Nagy, Leader

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I'M GOING ON AN ORGANIZED BICYCLE TOUR to Vietnam Dec. 8–14, 2019 with Grasshopper Adventures. Looking for one or more Obsidians who might like to go (need a female roommate). Central Highlands and Coast, reasonable cost. Anyone interested?

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