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2023 Board Nominees

Lana Lindstrom

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET IN EARLY MAY TO RECOMMEND THREE CANDIDATES for the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January, 2024. The names of Dave Cooper, Lisa Van Liefde, and Sue Zeni were presented at the June Board meeting. Qualities that the committee considered important included: demonstrated leadership, professional expertise, and commitment to the Club. All three nominees have led hikes and served on committees. Sue is the Finance Chair and Dave is the Trips and Lodge Chair. Dave previously served on the Board for two terms.

The election occurs at the October 13 Annual Meeting. According to the By-laws, up to three additional nominees may be submitted by petition to the Secretary before the September board meeting; signatures of five members are required. Bios of the nominees will be published in the September *Bulletin*.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Lana Lindstrom, Dave Hawkins, Jim Northrop, Denise Rubenstein, or Karen Yoerger.



Climate and Environment

Legislative Wins For The Environment: A Brighter Future

Jorry Rolfe, co-chair CSE Committee

THE 2023 OREGON LEGISLATURE PASSED DOZENS OF BILLS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT. I have chosen to highlight here just a few of interest—together they will reduce waste, improve our air, and help wildlife. Some opportunities were missed, as you may know, so these victories, or big wins, are worth championing.

Senate Bills 543 and 545 respectively ban polystyrene takeout containers and cups (which do not biodegrade) statewide and allow us to bring our own containers into grocery stores by establishing legal reuse systems. These get us closer to a zero waste future!

Senate Bill 488 requires Covanta Marion Inc. in Salem, a waste to energy plant, to do continuous monitoring of its most toxic and hazardous emissions and to cap the amount of medical waste it can burn. This will limit dangerous emissions and pollutants!

House Bill 5030 provides funds to increase wildlife crossings in our state. In 2022 there were twenty-two wildlife bridges and underpasses in Washington, while Oregon

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IN MEMORIAM

VELMA SHIRK MARCH 17, 1927–JUNE 6, 2023

VELMA JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1975, and within five years earned the Three-Peak and Ten-Peak Awards. She went on to receive her 200-Trip and 50-Leader patches. Velma was Trail Maintenance Chair in 1991/1992 and with her husband led monthly work parties to Fall Creek, Black Canyon Campground Nature Trail, and South Willamette Trail. She wrote in one report: *The satisfaction and pride from seeing a trail built or improved by your own hands is hard to describe.*

Her trip report for her January 21, 1989 ski trip began: *Lava Lake Road has been a favorite ski trip for my husband Mike and me and we have shared our enthusiasm with others through four years of Obsidian trips. This year, as we fondly look back on past adventures and misadventures, we will bid that location “Farewell!” and search for greener pastures...but whiter slopes. You see, loggers are encroaching on “our” terrain, plowing out the road a couple of miles or more....*

An avid reader, she wrote book reviews for the *Bulletin*. Shortly before she died, she mailed us the book *How to Climb Mount Blanc in a Skirt: A Handbook for the Lady Adventurer* for the Club’s library.

Her last trip was the 2017 Southwest National Parks Bus trip with her daughter Judi. When Judi informed us that her mother died, she said that Velma had still been walking with her hiking poles a few miles several times a week at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum or the Middle Fork Path. She said that her mother retained an encyclopedic memory of the names of native wildflowers they saw there.

Velma is survived by her four daughters. Her husband’s memorial bench is on the Incense Cedar Trail in the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum.

Welcome New Members!

Nancy Deboard
Eugene, OR 97408

Kim Hunton
Eugene, OR 97404

Miranda Trieston
Eugene, OR 97408

Roxanne Hetzer
Creswell, OR 97426

Sarah Nachbar
Eugene, OR 97401

(Legislative Wins For the Environment: Continued from page 1)

had only five. These wildlife passage infrastructures support wildlife mobility and habitat connectivity within priority corridors—and reduce animal collisions on highways!

Finally, Senate Bill 85 will both set a five-year pause on the livestock watering exemption, and more strictly inspect and regulate Oregon’s largest mega-dairies and large chicken farms. This issue of large confined animal feeding operations and wastewater violations has been debated for years. New restrictions for animal feed lots will improve our air and water quality!

Hey, Obsidians, do you think that the Oregon Legislature made great strides forward in 2023?

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FLOWERS

Mike Smith

SO THAT WAS THE ROCK JIM WAS TALKING ABOUT, around which he wanted me to dig out, because the trail would be safer behind the rock than on the foot wide passage on the creek side, where a misstep could lead to a nasty fall. There was a 10-foot burnt log on the adjacent hill that dived into the soil by the rock. What was I going to dig out? The log was in the way.

I had a Rogue hoe with me, not as good as a Pulaski for serious digging, but good enough in the soft soil of Fall Creek. I easily dug out what I could, then stopped to think about the next step.

On a somewhat drizzly morning, six of us had crossed Fall Creek on a wet log well above the water. I crossed crawling. It didn't help that the previous night I awoke with a premonition I was going to fall off the log. I didn't feel safe standing, but wearing knee pads made crawling easier. It wasn't pretty, but I'll take ugly and safer any time.



We hiked uphill a quarter mile and began work from where we had left off, continuing to repair tread on the switchbacked route. From the top of the hill, my job was to descend to the creek downstream, divert the trail around a large rock, and repair a few feet of tread I had worked on several weeks earlier. The current track was not quite a foot wide; three was optimal; two would be more realistic.

It was an easy hike down, I found the spot that needed widening, and a few yards later saw the rock and the log. I also noted a patch of false Solomon's seals, the largest blooms I had ever seen, right where I needed to widen the trail. If I could deal with the rock, I could have lunch near the flowers and then finish the job.

I returned to my pack and removed three different saws. After 15 minutes using the largest, I finally cut through, and the log shifted downward a couple of inches. Not enough. So I went to the top of the hill, somewhat awkwardly sat down on the incline, and pushed against the log with my legs. Again, not enough. I needed to dig out underneath the top of the log, too, and then push. After three cycles of digging and pushing, the log finally moved, slowly rolling down the hill to the trail, bouncing once, then rolling another 100 feet to

the creek. All that remained was to clean up the soil that came down with it. The bypass was otherwise fine.

I ate lunch, listening to the chain sawyers working on logs far up the hill, noting the lovely flowers in front of me, and listening to the beautiful creek behind me, light rain welcome, most of the job finished.

I started widening the trail, working below it while standing on loose soil, my knees anchored at the edge. The ubiquitous sword ferns were removed along with maidenhair ferns, the ones with black stems. There was a carpet of moss, too, which I hated to pull up, but I did and placed it nearby on wet soil.



What should I do with the false Solomon's seals? Nothing, I concluded. Let them hang over the trail. It was neither perfect nor optimal but the right decision. I photographed them and enjoyed their gentle, sweet scent. Soon, they would go to seed and spread their superb genes nearby. Some time, maybe next year, maybe longer, I could again return, see several new plants, widen the trail—or not—depending upon where the flowers were.

I was finished. The trail was safer, the rock bypass more than adequate, and the false Solomon's seals saved.

At the end of the day, I walked through the creek. Once over that log was enough.

See you on the trail. Smell the flowers.



LIGHTNING!!!! Should I turn back?

Rich Anselmo

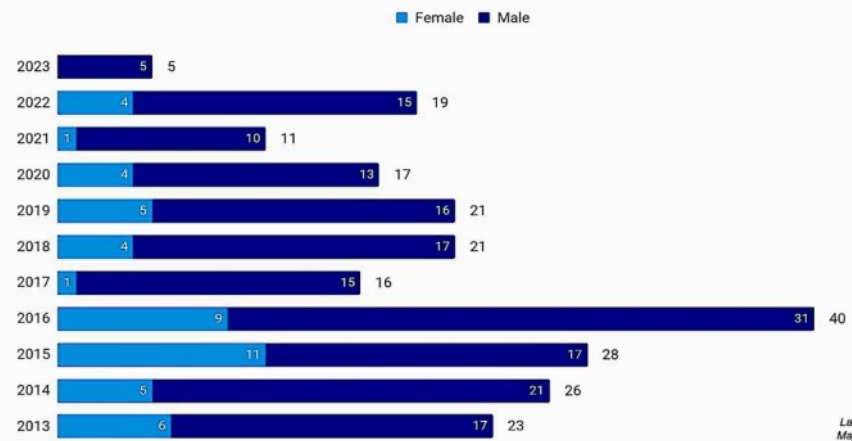
HEADED OUT FOR AN ADVENTURE WHEN THERE IS A RISK FOR THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING?

Ask yourself the question that Clint proposed in the movie *Dirty Harry*: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya?

The odds of being struck by lightning are 1:700,000 or more. The odds of being killed are one in two million or more. Lightning is only the width of a pencil. I would think the odds should be even less. The fact is your risk of being injured by something other than lightning is greater just driving to the trail head.

Would you like to better your odds of not being struck? Here are some suggestions:

U.S. Lightning Fatalities, 2013-2023



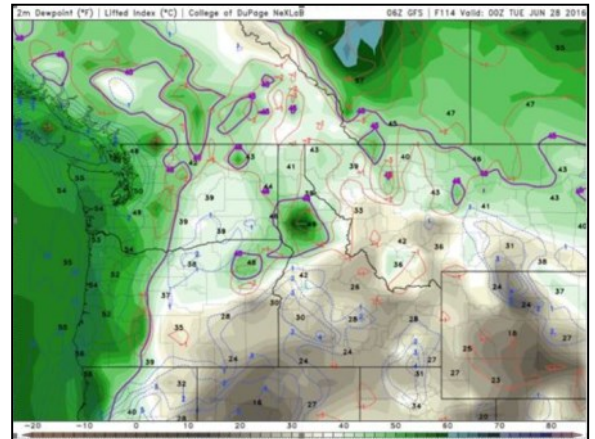
Know Before You Go

Check the weather forecast. Specifically, check the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast from a NOAA website. Begin checking a few days before any trip. Note how the forecast is changing. Are rainfall probabilities increasing or decreasing? Note the use of such terms as *isolated*, *scattered*, or *likely*, the latter meaning greater coverage. Weather forecasts are like moving targets. Adjust the current forecast in the direction of the overall trend. This will result in greater accuracy. Don't rely on radio or TV broadcasts as sometimes they use old, outdated information.

You can also enhance the prediction by looking at some weather charts. Since lightning comes from thunderstorms and thunderstorms come from unstable air masses, one needs to get a measure of air mass stability. A good chart to check and track would be the NAM model at pivotalweather.com. Select [Northwest USA](#) then scroll to the Severe weather box on the left and click on "Surface based Lifted Index". The LI is a theoretical measure of air mass stability.

Values less than zero represent unstable air. Values greater than zero represent stable air. The more negative the number, the more unstable, the more likely thunderstorms and lightning. I have found that a -1 is about a 10% chance, a -3 a 30% chance and so forth. Values greater than -5 are telling you that lightning is a real possibility and you better be prepared or cancel. The LIs vary throughout the day so make sure you are looking at charts that represent the time you will be exposed.

The lifted index is only part of the equation. You also need to know if moisture is available.



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HELP WANTED: MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS. FOR A ONE-TIME, TWO-HOUR MEETING LATER THIS YEAR at the Obsidians Lodge. Will brainstorm best practices for requesting, acknowledging, and recognizing donations to the Obsidians. Experts and non-experts alike are welcome.

We need your ideas.

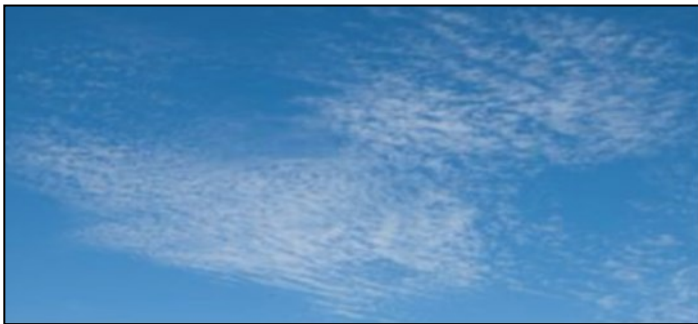
Contact Jim Northrop at jim.b.northrop@gmail.com or call 343-3426.

Can't make the meeting? Send your ideas anyway. Recommendations, including any recommendation for a permanent fundraising committee, will be passed on to the Strategic Planning Committee and to the Obsidians Board.

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Watch The Sky

Clouds reveal telltale signs of air mass moisture and instability.



Cirrocumulus clouds often precede thunderstorms by 9–12 hours.



Altocumulus clouds often precede thunderstorms by 5–6 hours.

The greater the coverage of cloudiness and the more overhead the clouds appear, the more likely thunderstorms and lightning will hit where you are.



Watch for towering cumulus clouds, especially those with black bases. This means thunderstorms are forming overhead and lightning is probably less than an hour away.

In our area, thunderstorms typically move from south to north. Watch to the south for impending weather developments. Be particularly concerned if thunderstorms are approaching from the east. These are often associated with intense lightning, hail, heavy downpours and high winds.

Smartphones

If you have a smart phone and cell coverage, you can monitor radar charts noting the development, intensity and direction of rain cells. Not all cells will contain lightning and only about 60% of Oregon is even covered by radar. There are lightning charts available online but none offer real time data without a paid subscription.

An old standby is a portable AM radio. Static or crackling sounds while tuned in the mid-band range are indicative of lightning. Static will often begin when the storms are 100 miles away. The more frequent and louder the static, the closer the storms and lightning.

There is this device, which works on the same principle:



For a list/description of the 10 best lightning detectors go to <https://www.gearhungry.com/best-lightning-detector/> (Scroll down to view the descriptions.)

Of course, you still don't know where the lightning is and if it's headed toward you. At least you know some action may be needed on your part.

There Is No Safe Place Outdoors In A Thunderstorm

Lightning safety rules have varied over the years. We all know to get off mountain tops, don't stand under a single tree or in an open field or wet area. The fact is lightning can strike anywhere, and there is really no safe place outdoors. My advice is to keep walking, spread out further if hiking in a group, and proceed to a place of safety as quickly as possible. Your vehicle is very safe provided you stay away from anything metal.

Watch For Smoke?

What if lightning caused a forest fire and you had to alter your route? Would you have a map to find alternative trails or a road to exit? Do you have a compass or GPS in case you have to travel cross country? I find this to be a more serious concern.

The 30 Second Rule

Count the time from when you see a lightning flash until you hear thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, you are in grave danger of being struck. This brings us back to our original question.

Do I feel lucky?

Editor's note: Rich Anselmo is a meteorologist with Weathersphere, LLC. This article first appeared in the July 2016 Bulletin, and has been updated by Rich, for this reprint.

Ironing out a Few Difficulties

Sue Wolling

LET ME DISPEL THE MYTH THAT EVERYONE WHO RIDES A BIKE A LOT KNOWS HOW TO REPAIR BIKES. I am a prime example of the Incompetent Bicyclist. For example:

I needed to practice taking the rear wheel off my new bike (so I could fix a flat tire), because this bike has a couple of things that make it difficult for me: it has a Thru Axle, which I've never worked with before, and it has tough Schwalbe Marathon tires that are notoriously hard to get off the rims. So I wanted to practice at home. After consultation with both YouTube and my nearby bike shop, I got the wheel off the bike, got the tire off the rim, put the tire back on the wheel, and put the wheel back onto the bike, and it spun freely. Success!

As I gathered up my rags and tools, I could only find two of the three tire irons I had used. Tire irons are the little bent levers, about four inches long, that you use to get the tire off the rim. See photo. I looked all around my work area, and even in the bathroom and kitchen where I had gone to wash my hands, but couldn't find the third one. "Oh well," I thought. "It has to be right here somewhere, so I'm sure it will turn up, and I have another set anyway."

A little later, I set off on my bike to run an errand—but as I rode, I felt a little thump, thump. "Darn!" I thought. "I must not have the tire seated on the rim right," which happens sometimes. So, I returned home, let the air out of the tire, and fussed with it to fix the problem, even though the tire actually already looked pretty good to me. After re-inflating the tire, I headed off again, but after a few blocks, it still didn't feel right, so I stopped in at my bike shop to ask them to take a

look. Willow, the mechanic, looked at it and agreed that it actually looked OK. But when she looked more closely, she saw a little bulge in the side wall of the tire. So, she and Jeff (my main mechanic) agreed that it must be a defective tire—Schwalbe, the company that makes this tire, has sometimes had that problem in the past. They said it should be covered by warranty, but they'd need the lot number, which is conveniently printed on the inside of the tire.

As Willow got to work taking the tire off, I heard her say "What's this?" Out of the inside of the tire, she pulls out my third tire iron—INSIDE the tire! I have no idea how it would have gotten in there—none of us had ever seen such a thing, and I don't think I could install a tire with a tire iron inside if I tried! So, she jotted down the lot number, put the tire back on, the bulge was gone, and the bike rode just fine! Problem solved, even if the mystery remains!



So you really don't have to know anything about fixing a bike to enjoy riding one. It's always a good idea to carry a few basic tools—but carry them in a pack, NOT inside the tire!

FOR SALE



Jamis Coda Sport 19"
\$175



CycleOps Trainer
\$75



Trek Verve 2 Woman's bike
barely used
\$225



CO-OP CTY 1.2
fits 5'6" to 5'9"
ridden 1 season
\$500



TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ON SPENCER BUTTE

Photos by Janet Jacobsen.

BEGINNING IN LATE MAY, the Tuesday and Wednesday Obsidian hikers observed the start of the trail surfacing project below the summit steps. For the next month and more, the hardworking contractors made steady progress down the main trail including a section of the intersecting Tie Trail. With their pickaxes they removed so many rocks that might trip us! Thanks to the trail crew and to the Eugene Parks and Open Space for the timely trail improvements.



Photo by Janet Jacobsen.

Shortcutting across switchbacks has been thwarted!



Photo by Carla Cooper.

Smooth going now.



Photos by Carla Cooper.

TRIP REPORTS

MEMBERS! Enjoy more photos!

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO VISIT THE NEW GALLERY IN THE MEMBERS ONLY AREA OF THE OBSIDIAN WEBSITE. You'll be rewarded with a cornucopia of additional excellent photos taken on Obsidian trips.

There is space in the *Bulletin* for only a small fraction of the photos that are posted each month. To view what you've been missing, go to www.obsidians.org, click on **Members Area** and log in with your user name and password. Select **New Gallery** from the sidebar on the left. Click on each of the trip albums to view the pictures.



Bike Trips

Ankeny Hill

June 4, 2023

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Assistant Leader: Lynn Stearney

Bike: 29.4 miles, 550 ft. (Moderate)

FOUR OBSIDIANS SET OFF FROM THE ANKENY HILL WILDLIFE REFUGE NATURE CENTER. Our ride took us into Independence where we made a short break at the downtown park. We pedaled on to enjoy the scenic country roads that pass through Talbot and Buena Vista. One of us spied fresh strawberries at a roadside stand, which made a nice addition to our lunch stop at the boat ramp at Buena Vista. We then boarded the Buena Vista Ferry—which began running in 1852—for a brief but scenic ride across the mighty Willamette. Foot traffic is free, bike fare is \$1. A breeze that became an increasingly stiff wind accompanied us for most of the ride. It seemed to be a headwind no matter which direction we turned. We arrived back at the Nature Center appreciative of the beauty of our Willamette Valley, the bounty of the spring growing season, and the history of this region. Members: Richard Hughes, Jonathan Jost, Lana Lindstrom, Lynn Stearney.



Climbs

Smith Rock

May 13, 2023

Leader: Trina Reiter

Assistant Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: (Moderate)

WE HAD A FEW BRAND-NEW CLIMBERS AND ALL HAD A BLAST! Two full days of climbing on the amazing rock at Smith Rock State Park! Members: Alyssa Buhl, Dewayde Perry, Maryanne Reiter, Trina Reiter, Linda Sato. Nonmembers: Sara Long.

Diamond Peak- Graduation Climb

May 20, 2023

Leader: Trina Reiter

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft. (Difficult)

WE STARTED UP THE TRAIL AT 7:20 AM EXCITED FOR THE DAY AHEAD. Several in the group were first-timers up Diamond Peak, so it was a special day! Temperatures were only in the 70s, but above tree line and in full sun, we were breaking a few extra times in order to make sure that we were all well hydrated. Plenty of snow melted during the warm temperatures of the couple of weeks prior to our climb, and more exposed rock on the ridge going up made for a bit more tedious climbing. Our group reached the summit at noon. We enjoyed a lunch break, homemade chocolate cookies, and a beautiful 360-degree view, before glissading down the bowl. OH, WHAT FUN! We got back to the cars at 5:30, and everyone got a summit sticker. This was absolutely the best group that I've ever taken up a mountain—strong, capable, and fun! Members: Steve Davis, Jennifer Marlow, Sarah Martens, Dewayde Perry, Trina Reiter. Nonmembers: Miranda Trieston, Wesley Curtis, Courtney Brost, Andy Nelson, Joshua Gramley.

Diamond Peak Graduation Climb

June 10, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 8 miles, 3,750 ft. (Difficult)

WE HAD A FINE CLIMB OF DIAMOND PEAK. Everyone did well, given the low snow conditions that required some scrambling over loose rock. Even with the low snow we



Diamond Peak 'antennae'—on the summit.

managed to find large enough patches of snow for glissading. The weather was great and the mosquitoes, while annoying down in the trees, weren't terrible. Good times! Members: Marjorie Doran, Maryanne Reiter, Linda Sato, Scott Timms. Nonmembers: Garney Hamilton, Jordyn Hamilton, Jeffrey Elms, Laurel Hamers, Sarah Nachbar.



Hikes

Mountaineering Conditioning

May 17, 2023

Leader: Juli McGlinsky

Assistant Leader: Jennifer Marlow

Hike: 6 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

Though our packs seemed to be filled with lead,

"To the top of Mt. Pisgah!" we said.

The company was nice, so we all did it twice.

Now we'll carry group gear with less dread.

EVERYONE MADE IT BACK TO THEIR CARS BEFORE DARK. Members: Shannon Clawson, Steve Davis, Jennifer Marlow, Juli McGlinsky, Meg McNabb.

Fort Rock

June 2, 2023

Leader: Buzz Blumm

Photographer: Eva Mogart

Hike: 1.7 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

A BEAUTIFUL CLOUDLESS DAY IN THE DESERT—just two of us. We circumvented the 'Fort', noting the grand forever views of the scrub landscape, the village of Fort Rock a mile



Fort Rock Homestead Museum was delightful and informative.



The view from inside Fort Rock.

away, and mountains in the distance. Then we hiked up inside the structure, enjoying the many unusual rock formations. After coffee and a slice of blueberry pie at the local diner, we toured the Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum on the outskirts of town, a collection of buildings and artifacts from the land give-away boondoggle of a century ago. The museum offers a fascinating story of easterners lured to Fort Rock Valley with visions of fertile soil and ample rainfall. Members: Buzz Blumm, Eva Mogart.

Skinner Butte

June 6, 2023

Leader: Margaret Essenberg

Assistant Leader: Richard Essenberg

Hike: 2 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

WE WALKED MOST OF THE MANY TRAILS ON SKINNER BUTTE as we circled it twice. The only woodland flower we saw was small-flowered tiger lily, but the blooming grasses in the summit meadow were luxuriant. Birds were more numerous than hikers; a flock of cedar waxwings seemed to accompany us and, at the eastern meadow, we saw a red-breasted sapsucker. Members: Clara Emlen, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Carla Lyon. Nonmembers: Nancy Deboard.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

June 10, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Heidi Anderson

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THREE OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS ATTENDED THE WELCOME HIKE. After introductions and info-sharing, the group hiked a loop to Hendricks Park. Flowers are still making a good



On the grounds of Hendricks Park.

show. For several of the participants, it was their first time on the Ribbon Trail and at Hendricks Park. Members: Heidi Anderson, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Debra Higbee, Gwyneth Iredale, Janice Silvestri. Nonmembers: Amelia Day, Leslie Belsher, Sayandeep Gupta.

Mt. June (via Lost Creek)

June 10, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 7 miles, 1,868 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A FABULOUS DAY, NOT TOO HOT, NOT TOO COLD, with very few mosquitoes, and quite a few flowers. The cloud cover mostly lifted as we enjoyed lunch so that we could see the Cascade mountains from Mt. Jefferson to Mt. Bailey. A



Chicken of the woods fungus.

special treat at the top was visiting with world-famous ornithologist Noah Stryker and his friend Andrea who had just spotted a white pelican flying by, far from home.... and Noah would know! Members: Kathy Brenner, Kathie Carpenter, David Clinger, David Cooper, Sharon Friedland, Lana Lindstrom, Valerie Metcalfe, June Miller, Evelyn Barbara Orsi, Karen Yoerger.

Tire Mountain

June 16, 2023

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Assistant Leader: Sandra Sigris

Hike: 4.5 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS PERFECT JUNE WEATHER FOR A HIKE TO THE TIRE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS. Although the exposed meadows and ridges were already very dry, there were still many nice wildflowers to enjoy including balsamroot, larkspur, rosy plectritis, cat's ear, bluefield gilia, camas, phlox, sedum, paintbrush, starflower, queen's cup, anemone—you get the idea. We encountered several groups of mountain bikers and needed to encourage a few to walk, rather than ride past us, because the trail is narrow without many places to step off safely. A 'secret' ridge-end meadow provided a shady spot for lunch.

Thanks to a great group of hikers for pleasant conversation along the way, and for indulging the leader's obsession with wildflowers. Members: Pam Caples, Kathie Carpenter, David Clinger, Marti Gerdes, Lynn Meacham, June Miller, Sandra Sigris, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young.

Mt. June (via Lost Creek)

June 18, 2023

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Assistant Leader: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 7 miles, 1,868 ft. (Moderate)

IN AN ABRUPT CHANGE FROM THE WARM, DRY SUMMER WEATHER of the past few weeks, we arrived at the Lost Creek trailhead in steady rain at 44 degrees—which kept us cool while we ascended the 26 or so switchbacks to the lower ridge. Along the way, we paused to view the impressive chicken of the woods fungus growing on one special tree. Pinkish coralroot was plentiful in the woods, some in large groups that had not opened enough for the particular species to be identified—a *conundrum of coralroot*, the group decided. Other flowers in bloom along the way included anemone, oxalis, whipplevine, iris, bleeding heart, serviceberry and red currant. Arriving last to the summit of Mt. June, the leader was surprised to hear whoops of delight (?) as snow began to mix with the rain. We had lunch under a tree, then the rain/snow stopped and we were able to enjoy a bit of a view, plus blooming paintbrush, penstemon, sedum, bluefield gilia, and buckwheat. The return trip was mostly dry, and the rain/hail did not resume until we were back in the cars. Thanks to all for making a drippy day into an enjoyable trip. Members: Annie Chan, Jacquie Fern, Marti Gerdes, Gwyneth Iredale, Michael King, Lynn Meacham, Diane Repp, Jorry Rolfe, Paul Winther, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Jan Danforth.

Yachats to Tillicum Beach Walk

June 18, 2023

Leader: Sandra Sigris

Assistant Leader: Kathie Carpenter

Hike: 7 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

OUR ROUTE FOLLOWED THE 804 TRAIL FROM YACHATS (with a slight beach/rock scramble diversion at the start) to its north end where the trail descended wooden stairs down to the beach. We then followed the wide sand beach a few miles up to the Tillicum campground for an early lunch break. Rain caught us on the way back, but it was sunny again by the time of our return to Yachats. All in all, it was a great day for a beach walk! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Whitney Gould, Holger Krentz, Evelyn Nagy, Sandra Sigris.

Horse Rock & Shotgun Creek

June 24, 2023

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 6.4 miles, 920 ft. (Moderate)

HORSE ROCK IS A GREAT CLOSE-TO-TOWN HIKE. Following the directions in William Sullivan's book makes it easy to find. The road is paved for the whole drive to the trailhead. The hike to Horse Rock has a great forest path and then meadows with flowers. For those who have not been there, the meadow path is not for the faint of heart. It is steep, up and down, with much loose rock. However, the views are amazing. Just go slow. Members: Denise Bean, Kathie Carpenter, Vicky Hanson.

Evening Hike: 52nd to Blanton

June 27, 2023

Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 3.6 miles, 640 ft. (Easy)

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL EVENING! Ten of us met for a lovely walk in the woods. It's always a treat to meet newer members of the Obsidians. All enjoyed the lush forest right in our backyards. Gotta love the Ridgeline trail, but this portion is a favorite. Members: Robert Eriksen, Whitney Gould, Gwyneth Iredale, Diane Lang, Diana Masarie, Evelyn Nagy, Diane Repp, Lisa Van Liefde, Martha Welches, Maureen Whalen.

Castle Rock via King Castle

June 29, 2023

Leader: Karen Yoerger

Assistant Leader & Photographer: Sandra Sigrist

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

IT WAS A VERY WARM DAY FOR A MOSTLY UPHILL HIKE to the top of Castle Rock, and we were glad that much of the trail passed through shaded woods. Forest wildflowers featured the Ericaceae family (candystick, pinedrops, pink wintergreen,



Trail view up to Castle Rock.

white-veined wintergreen, pipsissewa, and indian pipe) and orchids (rattlesnake plantain, coralroot, and phantom orchid). Other notable flowers included a stalk of three tiger lily blooms, starflower, twinflower, yellow wood sorrel, bluefield gilia, clarkia, and clumps of hot rock penstemon. We enjoyed a great view of Mt. Washington and the Three Sisters from a rocky cliff edge, then found a shady spot for lunch. Afterwards, we continued on to the summit to see the cell phone relay and the view of the McKenzie Valley. On the way back, we dealt with several small groups of fast-moving mountain bikers, a couple of foot issues, and increasing temperatures. We still made it back to the cars in good time for cold drinks and the drive back to town. It was a good workout and good day with a great group! Members: Kristen Anderson, Annie Chan, David Morris, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Paul Winther, Signe Wright, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 3.4–6.2 miles, 715–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Denise Rubenstein: 6/6 10 Members, 6/7 21 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Lynn Meacham: 6/14 21 Members

David Cooper: 6/21 11 Members, 6/28 13 Members, 1 Nonmember

Blanton Ridge Hikes

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

Leader, Tommy Young: 6/6 7 Members, 6/13 7 Members, 6/20 9 Members, 6/27 7 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.5–9.4 miles, 1,000–2,000 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Jennifer Marlow, Julie McGlinsky: 4/26 8 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Julie McGlinsky: 5/4 4 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 6/2 7 Members, 1 Nonmember

Heidi Anderson: 6/2 7 Members

Sandra Sigrist, Lynn Meacham: 6/4 9 Members

Janet Jacobsen, Robert Eriksen: 6/21 16 Members, 2 Nonmembers

David Hawkins: 6/23 9 Members

Sandra Sigrist: 6/25 5 Members, 1 Nonmember



Extended
Trip

Yachats Overnighter / Beach House

June 19–21, 2023

Leader: Scott Hovis

Assistant Leader: Nikki Frank

Photographer: Ane McKee

Extended Trip: (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF SEVEN MET UP MONDAY AT 2 PM IN YACHATS to drop luggage off at the beach house, then carpooled back for various short scenic excursions. These



At the top of Cape Perpetua. (L to R: Ane McKee, Annie Chan, Joan Skarda, David Clinger, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis)

included visits to the Cape Perpetua Stone Shelter/CCC-built lookout, the recently remodeled visitor center, Thor's Well, Devil's Churn, and the Amanda trailhead for a short jaunt to Amanda's Statue and suspension bridge. We shared a fantastic potluck that evening. Tuesday at 8:55 we walked to the log church on Third Avenue to catch the NW Oregon Transit South County Connector bus to Waldport for one dollar each. We walked back on the beach about eight miles, stopping for lunch and crossing several freshwater creeks. We took photos by The Big Stump, the remains of an ancient redwood tree which grew here about 1,750 to 1,850 years ago. We arrived back at the house around 1:30 with lots of time for chatting, games, and fun. In the evening we went to the Drift Inn for a nice dinner. The weather forecast had called for some rain and drizzle but we lucked out with comfortable days of sun and some breeze. Members: Annie Chan, David Clinger, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, Ane McKee, Joan Skarda, John Skarda.



Car Camp

Heceta Head & Tahkenitch

June 2–4, 2023

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Car Camp: 17 miles, 1,450 ft. (Moderate)

THE FIRST DAY, AFTER GETTING SETTLED AT THE SUTTON GROUP CAMP, we drove about five minutes to the Darlingtonia State Natural Site. This small botanical park is home to *Darlingtonia californica*, a carnivorous pitcher plant. The Sutton campground was strangely quiet for the time of year, and the host was out of campfire wood to sell. We recovered some wood from vacant campsites for that evening's fire. The next morning, we drove about twenty minutes north to Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park. We hiked down the coast while exploring the cliff face and rocks, then up the Hobbit Trail and on to the Heceta Head Lighthouse. The day was surprisingly sunny with little wind. On our return hike, the wind began to pick up. We crossed the coast highway and walked down to the China Creek Loop, which was unfortunately still closed from the year before due to a collapsed footbridge. Continuing our hike, we explored a nearby old homestead. We saw many beautiful rhododendron blooms. In the park, we walked to the far end of the beach trail that took us under the highway and out to the mouth of China Creek. We walked a short distance back to our cars. The Washburne ranger was generous enough to sell us some wood. That evening, we enjoyed dinner around our campfire. On the last morning, we departed camp for the Tahkenitch Campground day-use area. We hiked out to the beach, saw some storm damage, and also a bald eagle. We crossed inland over the dunes to Threemile Lake, where we had lunch. We had a pleasant hike through the woods, then returned to our cars and to home. Members: Keiko Bryan, Anne Campbell, Kathie Carpenter, Jacquie Fern, Mark Hougardy, John Miller, June Miller, Joan Skarda.



Water Trips

Coyote Creek Paddle

June 22, 2023

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Water: 3 miles, (Easy)

WE PADDLED IN SILENCE FOR HALF AN HOUR WITH MANY MAGICAL MOMENTS. Invisible birds singing, hummingbirds, turkey vultures, and swallows. Clouds of gnats whirling counterclockwise. Skimmers dancing on the water. Cloud formations. Reflections: stumps, bubbles, and trees. Stately oak trees dripping moss. Flowers: wild roses, spirea, bittersweet nightshade, vetch, and blackberries. Note to self: paddle again in August and enjoy the fruit. Members: Mari Baldwin, Pam Caples, Kim Davidson-Ruby, Elizabeth Grant, Lana Lindstrom, Diane Schechter, Joan Skarda.



Trail Maintenance

National Trails Day

June 3, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

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

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, we worked with Evan and Marlon from the City of Eugene, and the LDS Church, to add a short section of trail to a new bench in Wild Iris Ridge Park. Our group literally broke ground, chopping into the sod and loading it into buckets and wheelbarrows for spreading so as to not create a large pile of earth. We hopefully avoided the poison oak while we worked. We loaded the wheelbarrows with gravel from a dump truck and spread it where we had cut the tread. Then Oliver ran the compactor to lock the gravel into place. Our work made the bench much more accessible. Oliver and Nathaniel also distributed bug repellent Buffs and American Hiking Society (AHS) National Trails Day stickers provided by AHS to the volunteers and passersby. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Oliver Bell, Jim Northrop. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.

Amazon Headwaters Brushing 2

June 28, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

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

THIS MONTH'S OUTING WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S PROJECT. We brushed along the Amazon Headwaters Trail. The difference this time was that our project was much more focused: we brushed one side of one bridge. It looked like people had used power tools to cut back the brush—mostly vine maple. We cut the branches back further, reforming and opening up the trail corridor. Where we could, we made pruning cuts that encourage upward growth outside the trail corridor. Our work should make long term maintenance of the section easier. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Oliver Bell. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.

JUNE BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein June 7, 2023

President Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order. Board members present: Russ Davies, Laura Osinga, Maryanne Reiter, Jorry Rolfe, and Denise Rubenstein. Others present: Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, and Sue Zeni.

The Board approved the minutes for May 3, 2023.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Osinga): Laura reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. New members continue to join at a faster rate than in years past. There were no unusual or large expenditures in May. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop): The Bus Trips Committee co-hosted the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast with the Entertainment Committee. About 40 Obsidians and friends attended. Afterward, some folks hiked the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park to see the Rhododendron Garden at its peak bloom.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee sponsored a day of rock climbing at Smith Rock, a Diamond Peak graduation climb, as well as conditioning hikes in May. These events generated \$79 in nonmember revenue.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Sales for May totaled \$242. Thanks to Nancy Whitfield for selling items on an extended trip and helping sell at the leaders meeting and potluck. We will be looking at restocking our merchandise soon.

Entertainment (Ane McKee): May's potluck drew 62 diners and had a full house of 92 to hear Lana Lindstrom speak about her trip to Antarctica. Our next potluck will be on September 29, 2023. Our next two GameNight! evenings will be Thursday, June 15, and Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Chris Shuraleff and Jane Hackett led a fabulous trip to the Columbia Gorge for 18 members, staying at the Menucha Conference Center. Unfortunately, a scheduled extended trip to Mt. St. Helens area in June was canceled because a landslide closed the access road. Anyone want to lead an overnight trip? Call me!

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper), Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop): The Lodge and Grounds Committees held a joint work day on May 12. Mowers and weed eaters going non-stop, mulch spread. Gutters cleaned, walkways pressure washed, and lots of hand weeding done. The list of what the crew did to make a dramatic change in the appearance of the Lodge and grounds goes on. We had a problem with the pressure washer but Vern Marsonette and John Hegg are following up to make a repair and do some additional cleaning. Special thanks to Clara Emlen for spending extra days moving mulch. The sprinkler system has been turned on for the summer. The Lodge got a good cleaning from top to bottom. A little spot of mildew on the Board Room ceiling was removed. Emergency lighting and fire extinguishers were checked. The Lodge was rented May 20 to Oregon Fire-fighting Contractors Association as they gathered ahead of the wildfire season.

Membership (Diane Schechter): Total membership is 511.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): I posted on Instagram and Facebook about the climbs trip to Smith and the leader shirts sponsored by Hop Valley. I posted on Instagram about the potluck this month and Lana's talk. Facebook has 1,300 followers, Instagram has 415. Carla's post about Obsidians member Colleen Milliman got 111 likes which is super high. If anyone has events they would like posted on Instagram. Message me and I'll post it for you.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): First aid supplies were distributed to those attending the leaders training. A CPR and AED training took place at the Lodge and 16 Obsidian members participated. A few changes were made to the Obsidian Safety manual. A list was compiled outlining the duties of the safety committee chair position. The AED was checked.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): Three activities were held in May. Work parties were held at Green Island and at the Oak Knoll near Hendricks Park. We are now doing trail maintenance at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The Wait List continues to shrink and then grow; some folks have canceled while others have signed up. Reminder: if you need to cancel, do so before June 30 in order to be guaranteed a refund (fee less \$40). As we get closer to the start date, the Wait List will evaporate quickly. The Lead folks for tasks are now in place. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the fire season doesn't affect the camp.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): There were 28 trips in May. We are beginning to see more out of town hikes. Trip fees of \$20 were collected. This may seem low but might be an indication of a growing membership who do not pay trip fees.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Design Project (Dave Hawkins): There have been 11 or so meetings with Seth, the owner of Revolution Design. Four have been in the last two weeks and another is planned as soon as he returns to town. One of the main issues remaining is the authorization structure for trip leaders and committee chairs. Another is membership payment.

Nominating Committee (Lana Lindstrom): This year's Nominating Committee consists of Lana, Dave Hawkins, Jim Northrop, Denise Rubenstein, and Karen Yoerger. The three Board members with terms ending this year are Denise Bean, Laura Osinga, and Jorry Rolfe. The committee offers Dave Cooper, Lisa Van Liefde, and Sue Zeni as very qualified candidates to fill those positions. Bios will be in the *Bulletin*.

NEW BUSINESS

Check Signatories: Lana explained that Pam Caples is the Registrar for the 2023 Summer Camp and is also the Treasurer for the fund. The Board authorized Pam Caples, David Hawkins, and Lana Lindstrom to sign checks and conduct financial business on the Obsidian Summer Camp account at Oregon Community Credit Union.

Bylaws Revision: Dave Hawkins gave an overview of the changes thus far. Some changes were simply cleaning and clarifying language, some provided uniformity, and a few

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additions were made—adding an anti-discrimination clause and detailing the duties of the Secretary. The Membership will need to have them for review 30 days before the Annual Meeting in October and will need to vote on the changes. The revised Bylaws will be provided via email and on the website along with Board signatures.

Consideration of Changing Membership Renewal to Rolling Dates: Three different possibilities were discussed as outlined by Lana. The consensus is for all existing members to have a renewal date of October 1, However, it's still not clear if the new website will be up by this year's renewal period and further conversation with the Membership Chair is needed.

Annual Dues Payment by Credit Card: Sue Zeni outlined what credit card payment would look like using Stripe as the Club's service. Stripe provides several useful features including email reminders a month ahead of time. Sue will research

further for additional functions like late fees and such.

Contributions Issue and New Task Group: Dave Hawkins and Lana raised the point that several members make an additional contribution when paying annual dues. It's been an easy way for additional revenue. The new website will have a Donation button but this may be some untapped potential. A couple of names were mentioned for a Task Group to make a more prominent donation push.

Preliminary Budget and Possibly Raising Membership Dues: Lana reminded the group of the discussion last year when the Board raised annual dues by \$5. It was agreed then that we would revisit the topic in a year to determine if another increase would make sense. When dues were increased last year, trip fees were dropped and the three-activities-requirement was eliminated. Membership has steadily increased so a loss of revenue has not been realized. It was decided not to raise dues at this time.

ADJOURNMENT



Don't Know Idaho? Planning Your Trip

Sue Wolling

IT'S JULY, AND AS THE SUMMER CAMP-AIGN SEASON GETS UNDERWAY, you might be starting to think about your travel plans to camp. Our campground is 10–13 hours from Eugene, and campers are to arrive at camp between 2:00 and 5:00 PM on August 6—so that gives you a little down time to play with (and hikers are always happy when it's time to go down!). Fortunately, there are lots of interesting things to do and see in southern Idaho—in fact, you might decide to go a day or two early just to explore the area.

Just to get the lay of the land, consider taking a break at the Snake River View Rest Stop, just across the Idaho border. It offers a great view of the Snake River canyon.

Then you can head on to Boise which offers a lot of interesting attractions. One highlight is the Idaho Botanical Garden. The Garden is located on the former site of the Idaho Penitentiary, which was converted to a 15-acre oasis with a variety of native and adapted plants, water features and artwork. Garden ambassadors lead tours daily at 10:00 AM. And if you're really captivated by the grounds, you can tour the old Penitentiary itself, too.

If you're feeling a little too Boise-terous for a serene stroll through the garden, try walking or renting a bike to enjoy the Greenbelt Trail. This 25-mile trail follows both sides of the Boise River through an amazing array of parks, with opportunities for bird watching, fishing, or exploring other points of interest. One of those highlights is Boise State University,

where you can see the famous blue Smurf Turf—the bright blue turf that inspires the Broncos to leave their opponents singing the blues.

Do you need a hike to help you warm up for Summer Camp? There are many trails close to Boise. One hike (recommended by Idaho resident and Obsidian Hannah Ruzicka) is Table Rock—a 3.7-mile hike that leaves right from the Penitentiary/Botanical Garden, and leads up to a commanding view of the city.

If city life isn't your thing, you can go a bit farther afield to visit Craters of the Moon National Monument. This otherworldly place offers an ocean of lava, with lots of hiking trails, lava tubes, tree molds, and caves to explore, as well as a loop road you can drive to access most of the major viewpoints and trailheads. And if you camp overnight, you can have the rare experience of watching the Perseid Meteor Shower from the Moon!

These are just a few of the things to see and do on your way to camp. Getting there really can be half the fun!



OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

July		4 Fri	Pisgah East Side Loop Hike M	Anderson 805-798-1842
10 Mon	Browder Ridge Hike M	6 Sun	Sawtooth Mountains SmCmp M	Johnson 520-2470
11 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	9 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
11 Tue	GameNight! at the Lodge.....	11 Fri	Trinity Alps PCT bcpk BkPk D	Davies 525-3719
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	12 Sat	Broken Top Climb D	Timms 713-492-1547
12 Wed	Paradise Park Hike D	15 Tue	Mt Baldy / Fox Hollow Hike M	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
15 Sat	Millican Crater Explora Hike M	16 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Wright 919-225-8160
15 Sat	Martin Lake Hike D	19 Sat	Mt McLoughlin Climb D	Willhite 406-570-4514
16 Sun	Black Crater Sunrise Hike D	26 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb D	Mcmurdo 206-714-1655
17 Mon	Menagerie Wilderness Hike D	30 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
18 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	30 Wed	Women's Kayaking Trip Water E	Schechter 206-7723
18 Tue	Dorris Ranch Hike E	30 Wed	Spring&30th to Hendricks Hike E	Van Liefde 949-677-1379
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	September		
19 Wed	Camp Lake Hike D	6 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Anderson 805-798-1842
19 Wed	Erma Bell Lakes Loop Hike M	7 Thu	Love A Lake: Rosary Lakes WrkPrty M	Wilken 343-3080
21 Fri	Pisgah East Side Loop Hike M	11 Mon	Paulina Lake Car Camp CarCmp M	Metcalf 221-5702
22 Sat	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike M	12 Tue	Fuji Mountain Hike D	Wilken 343-3080
22 Sat	Mt Thielsen Climb D	13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
22 Sat	Cowhorn Mountain Hike D	21 Thu	Scott&Hand Lake cleanup WrkPrty E	Stewart Smith 913-5464
22 Sat	South Eugene Meadows Tour Hike E	23 Sat	National Public Lands Day TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
25 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M	29 Fri	Birding in Colombia—Randy Sinnott	Potluck
26 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	October		
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	4 Wed	Amazon Headwaters e Hike M	Rolfe 206-9501
26 Wed	Fawn/Stag Lakes Hike D	27 Fri	Patagonia Potluck—Valerie Metcalfe	Potluck
28 Fri	Red Buttes Wilderness Bkpk Hike D	28 Sat	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
29 Sat	Mt Washington Climb D	November		
29 Sat	No Name Lake Hike D	17 Fri	Nov 2023 w/ Marli Miller	Potluck
30 Sun	Upper Alpine trail Hike M	25 Sat	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
August				
2 Wed	Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M	Murray 953-5679		
2 Wed	Mt. Pisgah Hike M	Van Liefde 949-677-1379		

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South Eugene Meadows Proposed New Trail

A TOUR OF THE PROPOSED NEW THREE-MILE TRAIL FROM SOUTH EUGENE MEADOWS TO WILLAMETTE STREET is posted on the Obsidian schedule. To arrange another time, contact: Janet Jacobsen at jbjacobsen@comcast.net or John Winquist at trails@eugeneparksfoundation.org. See the June, 2023 *Bulletin* for information and a map: obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2023_Bulletins/2023_06_Bulletin.pdf.

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*A beautiful sunset on the last night of our trip. Photo by Ane McKee.
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