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Jefferson Park Summer Camp, August 6th to 13th

ROMAN NOSE, AUG. 20

Roman Nose, in the Coast District, is scheduled with Sterling Behnke and Bob Swennes as leaders. The drive will follow new Route F, turning off at Mapleton, continuing to Sweet Creek and Sunset Mountain. After leaving the cars, a good trail follows a scenic ridge to the summit and look-out of Roman Nose.

An added attraction to this trip will be a "Captain Kidd" Treasure Hunt which promises adventure and fun.

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NORTH SISTER AND WASHINGTON

The week-end of August 27 is going to be a busy one for the mountain climbers of the Obsidian Club, as these two trips are limited to experienced climbers and the members must be passed by the climbing committee.

Ray Sims will lead the North Sister for his 14th time and will be assisted by another regular Obsidian on the climb. Ray can tell you some tall tales of a few years back on some of those 13 climbs of this jagged old mountain.

And Mt. Washington is another where "care" rather than "speed" is the word. This climb will be handled by the competent leadership of Tony Vogel and Bryan Ryan, and even with the most careful party, Mt. Washington still rates one of the sportiest climbs in the Cascade range. This climb should be limited to 12.

Cars will be driven to Big Lake for Washington and Frog Camp for the North Sister.

FEDERATION MEETING

The annual Federation meeting is to be held at Clair Tappaan Lodge, September 2-3-4, 1939, with the Sierra Club as host.

Special trips will be incorporated with this schedule to permit inspection of Winter Sports Facilities, a Rock and Mountain Climbing Seminar, and Nature Lore Studies which will be crystallized in Round Table meetings Sunday.

Any member of the club who is interested in attending this meeting should contact our President, Louis Waldorf and send in their registration.

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Castle Rock Trip

For those members and non-members unable to be in Summer Camp the week-end of August 6th, the local walks committee has scheduled a climb of Castle Rock. Jean Taylor will lead with Miriam Yoder assisting. The trip is taken up the South Fork road to the East Fork Ranger Station. The party will return by way of the King Road. A swim at Belknap Hot Springs may also be planned.

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Hike and Swim

Keep July 30th open for a trip to the Jasper Hill vicinity and a return to Shady Nook for a swim. Leaders will be Myrtie Hamlin and Margaret Sprague.

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Helpful Hints

Watch for helpful hints and suggestions for equipment to make your week at Summer Camp more enjoyable, in Washburne's windows, soon.

The twelfth annual summer camp is progressing rapidly and all is in readiness for the week of August 6th to 13th in that real vacationland, Jefferson Park.

The packer has decided to pack the dunnage into the park from Breitenbush Mineral Springs, so that is the only change from the original plans. So all of those going into camp for the week or even part of the week, should have this dunnage at Breitenbush Springs Sunday morning, Aug. 6th instead of Breitenbush Lake, where the cars will be left.

Besides the usual camp life of strolls in the beautiful park, baseball games, horseshoe pitching, swims in the lake, there probably will be a climb of the mountain on Tuesday, August 8th and another on either Saturday or Sunday, August 12th or 13th, though probably it will be Saturday.

The list at Hendershott's is growing daily, so every one going should sign up as soon as possible, so the committee can make final plans. This is a wonderland of beautiful mountain flowers, and Jefferson is a big mountain, so take your camera and bring back some real memories.

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New Members

We are pleased to welcome four new "Active" members to the club. Alvin Lynch and Jean Randolph, Obsidians; Don Sipe and Gordon Gullion, Junior Obsidians.

Three of these new members were with us in our recent climb of the South Sister.

PROSPECTUS

of the
Twelfth Annual Outing
of the
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"JEFFERSON PARK"

August 6-13, 1939

Outing Committee
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Location: Camp will be established in Beautiful Mt. Jefferson Park, easy five mile hike by Sky-line trail from Breitenbush Lake. Main feature of the outing will be the ascent of Mt. Jefferson, via the Jefferson Park Glacier, and the West Ridge. This direct approach from the north side of the mountain will be a new route for the Obsidians, and will prove a very interesting bit of mountaineering. Aside from an opportunity to climb one of the most rugged mountains of the Cascade range, the outing in Jefferson Park will appeal to all lovers of the outdoors. High Alpine meadows, surrounded by mountain ridges, and with the main mass of Mount Jefferson rising right from the floor of the valley, gives the desired effect of complete isolation, and primitive wilderness in natural solitude. Fishing and swimming, short hikes, wealth of photographic subjects, camp games, sun bathing, and lazing around, will provide a variety, for all of the campers to enjoy their particular activity in the healthiest of surroundings.

Cost of Outing: The cost of the one weeks outing will be to members of affiliated clubs, for members \$15.00; non-members \$17.00, from Breitenbush Lake into camp site. Food, dishes and cooking utensiles, as well as a cook, will be furnished by the committee.

There will also be a few tents furnished by the club, however, those who have a light tent or fly are urged to bring them, if they so desire.

Registration: Registration will be at Hendershott's Gun Store, and will close July 29th. A \$10.00 deposit is requested when you sign up to insure your registration. The balance is payable before leaving Eugene. Deposits and final payment will be accepted by any member of the committee or at Hendershott's.

Transportation: Transportation will be privately arranged, the usual fee (1c per mile) is payable to the driver, and is to be taken care of by the individual.

Personnel: The Obsidian Summer Outing is planned to give the maximum of pleasure and benefit to those who join the outing, a special invitation is extended to non-members, and members of clubs affiliated with the Western Federation of

Outdoor Clubs, are cordially invited to attend. A few simple rules will be drawn up, and every one is expected to follow them for the benefit of the outing.

Personal Outfit: Each member of the party must furnish his own personal outfit. Only such essentials as are absolutely necessary should be taken. The following are considered necessary:

Shelter—A small, light tent or fly.
Bedding—A warm, light sleeping bag, and air mattress.

Footwear—One good, comfortable pair of hiking boots with nails, and one pair of very light oxfords or moccasins.

Clothing: Outing suit of wool with light weather proofed jacket or coat. Extra pairs of wool sox. Leather or woolen gloves for climbing. Water proof jacket or cape. Complete change of clothing in case of wet weather.

The Following Are Handy to Have: Colored glasses. Knapsack or packboard. Drinking cup or canteen. Flash light or carbide lamp. Sunburn lotion. Bathing suit. Crampions. Ice axe. First Aid Kit. Mosquito netting. Come prepared to rough it. Reduce your personal belongings to necessities.

Dunnage: There will be a maximum allowance of 35 pounds of dunnage per person and will be packed in by the club. Excess baggage must be paid for at a rate of 10c per pound. All must be packed in duffel bag that is convenient to handle and everything that is delivered to the outing committee must be plainly labeled, either by having the name printed on the bag or tags that won't come off or blurr when wet. Your dunnage must be delivered to Breitenbush Springs early Sunday A.M., August 6th, securely tied for pack trip in to camp site.

Mail: As the camp will be only one week duration, there will be no necessity for mail delivery, however contact may be made with campers through Breitenbush.

Fishing: If you enjoy fishing bring your tackle and don't forget a license. Additional information may be had by contacting any member of the committee.

Additional Suggestion: Outing members may leave Eugene Saturday, and camp Saturday night at Breitenbush Hot Springs or Breitenbush Lake, or may leave Eugene early Sunday morning, and drive to Breitenbush Lake, arriving there easily by noon. Drive via Valley highway, turn off at Jefferson to Detroit; or via Clear Lake Cut-off, and North Santiam, to Detroit and on to Breitenbush Lake from that point.

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CUMMINGS POINT

The trip to Cummings Point June 11, proved to be unique both because of the new area explored

and the interesting feature which they saw of the caterpillar invasion of the Alder trees on the base of the peak. They noted the insects were stripping all the foliage from the trees, and covered the salmon and thimble berry bushes.

The party of nine left Eugene in cars and hiked from Rainrock on the Florence Highway and reached the lookout at Cummings Point shortly after noon, and were back in Eugene by 8 P. M.

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CROQUET IN JUNE BENEATH THE MOON

Chiefs and Princesses really had themselves a time when Many Ponies entertained for the princesses, with chiefs invited, at her home with a "Skookum" outdoor dinner by the fireplace beside the millrace. Nobody even mentioned business meeting, what with the good dinner, the swell setting, the June weather, the "big-league" volley ball game, the croquet game on the lawn, and the story-telling and song session around the fireplace in the evening. Many Ponies and her father, "Doc" Gullion, are a pair of famous hosts.

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**PRINCESSES EAT HOT
DOGS IN JULY**

In July the princesses assembled at the big fireplace behind Skinners Butte to roast hot dogs, quite undisturbed by a mass meeting of WPA workers which unexpectedly appeared nearby. Red Feather, who was supposed to come early and make the fire and the coffee, arrived late as usual but was able to talk her way out of it and was even given a cup of coffee—which Drifting Cloud, et al, provided. Red Feather dutifully tried to hold a business meeting, but who cared about that with Little Princess Many Waters (Blue Waters' daughter) present as a counter attraction?

The gals finally decided to postpone next meeting until after summer camp and have another potluck weinie roast, the third Tuesday in August, at 6:30 p.m.,



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at the shelter at Hendricks park.

Helen Smith proposed a hiking party to come down the Skyline trail from Jefferson Park, when summer camp is over, and pick up the cars at intersection of Skyline trail with McKenzie highway. Who wants to go? Sounds like a good idea.

Mrs. Smith, Helen's mother, and the above mentioned 6-weeks-old Barbara Leigh Dotson young miss, were special guests. Others present were: Myrtie Hamlin, Helen Smith, Florence Sims, Helen Kilpatrick, Margaret Sprague, Ruth Carlson, Ruth Hopson, Thelma Watson, Blanche Osborn, Nellie Moore, Elsie Dotson, and Margaret Thompson.

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CHATTER

Has been rumored that a membership is to be given to a very active member, namely Major Stork. In the past month and a half he has been responsible for two prospective members, Margaret Louise Lemon and Barbara Leigh Dotson.

I saw—'K' Clark behind the counter in a local sporting goods store, honest sweat rolling from his brow and a duster in his hand.

Word has been received that Elizabeth and Gordon Gullion have reached the Canadian Alpine Camp where they will be for two weeks. They left here July 2nd, going by train to a point in Washington, from there they bicycled to the Camp. Gordon was recently taken in as a Junior member.

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MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY

It is reported that the famous mountaineer, Capt. Paul Lafferty, while scaling the precipitous rugged cliffs of Skinners Butte suffered a severe lacerated ego-mania and cerebral coccygodynia when his alpine ax slipped, his climbing rope broke, and his crampons bent. He fell backwards, and rolled over and over for an enormous distance of 33,000 m.m. It is suggested that his friends send him flowers, and visit him if he becomes conscious.

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Our membership does not seem

to be the least bit superstitious; "13" members made the trip to Silver Creek Falls on May 28th. The group was led by Elizabeth Gullion.

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A group of 13 made the trip to the top of Gold Hill. They drove about one mile up Blue River, making a round trip of 15 miles to the Lookout. Quite a lot of snow was seen up near the divide. Mary Gillespie was leader.

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SUMMER SPORTS

Mid-week activities during the summer started off with a climb of Spencer Butte during full moon. The party especially enjoyed songs by a quartet composed of Bill Woods, Paul Thunemann, Frances Doran and Cecil Craft. Two weeks later Beth Gullion led a large group of cyclists on a bicycle trip out Route 2. The party returned to the Hamlin Orchard for a bonfire, picnic and singing. Paul Lafferty and Dr. Henry Norton joined the party via the Willamette River in a canoe after having the misfortune of losing their lunch in the treacherous waters. Advantage was taken of a hot evening this past week for a picnic and swimming at Shady Nook.

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TENDERFOOT'S EYE VIEW OF SOUTH SISTER

By Jean Randolph

Perfect weather combined with spectacular scenery to make the annual Obsidian tenderfoot climb of the South Sister on July 9 a memorable event for the members of the group who had never before climbed a mountain.

After being routed out of comfortable sleeping bags at the impossible hour of 2:15 a.m., those of the party who had spent the night at Sparks lake hiked in to Green lakes to join the other members. We started blindly, it seemed to me, through a thick forest under a sky still heavy with stars. But as we walked, the dawn began to glow in the eastern sky, and soon we could see the little mountain rills, the green meadows circled by trees, the deep forest, where the shadows still lingered, and the white flanks of the mountain itself, rising dramatically into the sky. It was full daylight by the time we reached Green lakes.

An abrupt change from the pleasant forest path was the vast rock-pile on which we began our ascent of the mountain. From then on, the impressions of the climb for an inexperienced tenderfoot such as I seemed to be mostly of endless masses of rocks, sharp-needed pines that scratched unkindly, glittering expanses of glaciers, and always just above us, the forbidding hulk of the mountain. But as the valley and the lakes fell away below us, we felt the illusion of height and the top seemed always just over the next ridge.

To reach the summit of the mountain after that climb was an achievement to be proud of. So beautiful is the view from the mountain top that it is impossible to describe it, impossible even to

remember it as more than a maze of smoky purple mountains that rise like gauzy layers until they blend with the sky, with the white peaks of distant mountain tops piercing the horizon — a silent landscape disturbed only by the shadows of a few floating clouds.

Bill McCracken, the leader, was assisted by Joe Heidenreich, Paul Lafferty, Ray Sims and Don Umphreys. Those making the trip were R. B. Boals, Roy Boals, Jane Walsh, Mary Gillespie, Vint Gillespie, S. F. Patterson, Norman Lee, Bud Ash, Alvin Lynch, Doran McKeen, Bertie McKee, Walter Gilbert, Dr. Ed. Rathbone, Erma Scott, Howard Hall, Muriel Beckman, Lois Onthank, Billy Crawford, H. Stobie, Minnie McCracken, Phoebe Dean, Dale Shuey, Earl Curtis, Juanita Wilson, Gill Hollingsworth, Doris Sims, Blanche Osborn, Bob Voigt, Audrey Cameron, Don Sipe, Sterling Behnke, Bob Swennes, Stella Nee, Jim Cushing, Eileen Baker, Jean Randolph, Don Umphrey, Paul Lafferty, Joe Heidenreich, Ray Sims, Bill McCracken.

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OBSIDIAN BOARD MEETS

On June 14th, the Board held their regular meeting at the home of Louis Waldorf. Summer Outing plans were discussed and purchase of a new ice axe was passed. Two new members were voted into the club, Jean Randolph and Gordon Gullion.

The July meeting was held at the home of Bailey Castelloe. It was voted to purchase a Summit Box for Mt. Yoran and Bailey Castelloe and Harold Trotter were appointed to take care of this. The Social Committee announced plans for a Treasure Hunt and Picnic to be held soon. Several impromptu picnics were planned which will be announced in the local newspapers. Two membership applications were passed by the Board, Don Sipe and Alvin Lynch being voted in.

Louis Waldorf stated he did not think any work would be done at Hand Lake by the Forest Service as they did not have the labor available. The Board expressed the belief that the members would be willing to cooperate by having several work trips later in the season.

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