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TWENTY-FOUR SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CAMP!

SUMMER OUTING AUGUST 2-16

Linnton Meadows at the base of Husband.

The time for summer camp is rapidly approaching. At the present time, 24 have signed up to attend this year's outing which will be held in Linnton Meadows at the base of the Husband and the Three Sisters Primitive Area. Conditions are ideal for a wonderful two weeks outing. Plans are materializing and everyone seems to be looking forward to the camp with a great deal of anxiety.

The committee has submitted a tentative schedule of trips and events that will take place during the two weeks. If you know of someone who is planning to attend, be sure to have them register immediately at Hendershott's Gun Store. For additional information, you can contact the committee:

Glen E. Sims, Chairman
Park Avenue
Phone 3051-W

Robert H. Lemon
1280 Mill Street
Phone 4725-J or 497

Clifford K. Stalsberg
932 East 20th Street
Phone 3132-M or
3300, Local 227

Schedule of Trips and Events

Saturday, Aug. 1—Camp Committee sets up camp. Your luggage will be taken in by pack horse today.

Sunday, Aug. 2—You will arrive at the camp site in the afternoon, either by a five mile hike from Wickiup plains or a nine

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Glen Sims, Florence Sims, Cliff Stalsberg, Hazel Stalsberg, Robert Lemon, Charlotte Lemon, Hugh Currin, Mrs. Currin, Darwin Yoran, Josie Yoran, Mertie Hamlin, Nellie Moore, Ray Sims, Thelma Watson, Norman Lee, Mary Pennoyer, Ruth Hopson, Jane Hall, Helen Lynch, Louis Waldorf, Helen Kilpatrick, Ed Kremer, Oneita Behnke, Bertha Deckmann.

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SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR SUMMER CAMP

FOR MEMBERS:

Full two weeks\$35.00
(Includes transportation
both ways)

Less than two weeks\$2.50
per day
(Transportation not
furnished)

FOR NON-MEMBERS:

Full two weeks\$40.00
(Includes transportation
both ways)

Less than two weeks\$2.75
per day
(Transportation not
furnished)

SINGLE MEALS:

FOR ANYONE—MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS:

Breakfast\$.75
Lunch75
Dinner 1.00

All packing for everybody will be done at the specified time only. Everybody should see that their dunnage is at the proper place at the proper time.

FOREST SERVICE GOOD HOSTS

On June 20 and 21 the Obsidians and their friends were guests of the Forest Service at the Belknap CCC Camp above McKenzie Bridge. Saturday evening we were treated to an excellent dinner, the making of which was supervised by Roy Elliott. The Forest Service also provided us with lodging and our meals on Sunday.

Saturday evening was spent playing baseball, dancing, and conferring with the various Forest Service officials. On Sunday, various problems were presented to the Smoke Chasers by Ray Engles, Billy Williams, and Roy Elliott. These problems were very instructive and caused us to put into actual practice some of the things we had learned at our sessions here in town. I am sure that we all learned one thing, and that was accuracy. I think all members feel what they actually learned from the Smoke Chasing course will be very beneficial to them on their various hikes and climbs.

Obsidians present were: Dorr Hamlin, Mertie Hamlin, Glen Sims, Florence Sims, Cliff Stalsberg, Doran McKee, Bertie McKee, Robert Lemon, Ray Boals, Dr. Omar Gullion, Walter Banks, Bob Moffett, Gudmund Kaarhus, Percy Brown, George Korn, Louis Waldorf, Bob Swennes, Norman Lee, and Harold Trotter.

I would like to thank the various individuals for participating in this training course and for cooperating with the Forest Ser-

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**LOCATION FOR OBSIDIAN
SUMMER CAMP SCOUTED
ON JULY 12, 1942**

Glen E. Sims, Clifford Stals-
berg, and Lloyd Sims made a
scouting trip into the Three Sis-
ters Primitive Area on July 12,
for the purpose of locating a site
for the 1942 Obsidian Summer
Camp. A site was selected just
east of Husband Lake which af-
fords a magnificent view of the
Middle Sister, South Sister and
the Husband. The committee
feels that this particular location
is the most ideal of any camp
location that the Obsidians, Inc.
have had to date.

All major peaks in the Three
Sister Primitive Area are acces-
sible from this location. Short
trips can be made to the various
fishing lakes and other points of
interest. There will be swimming
in Husband Lake and other small
lakes adjacent to it. There are
heather meadows which will
make excellent baseball dia-
monds and areas for various
games. There are a number of
springs within a very short dis-
tance of the camp. Wood of all
types is plentiful. The location
selected is also well sheltered
from prevailing winds.

Furthermore, this year's camp
can be reached from the Wickiup
Plains by a short hike of only
4½ miles (8½ miles from Mc-
Kenzie Highway). The trail is
easily followed and crosses or
passes a number of points of in-

terest such as Rock Mesa, Mesa
Creek, Hinton Creek, Lew Lake,
Louise Creek, James Creek and
James Shelter, Separation Creek,
etc. Just before reaching Linn-
ton Meadows on Sunday morn-
ing, the scouting party saw two
black-tailed deer. As they enter-
ed Linnton Meadows, they saw
two mule deer. When they were
looking around for a camp loca-
tion, they ran across five elk in
a meadow just east of Husband
Lake.

The outing committee is mak-
ing all the necessary preparation
for a very enjoyable and suc-
cessful two weeks outing, from
August 2 to 16. A packer has
been engaged to bring all the
necessary supplies and equip-
ment in before the rest of the
party. The committee will have
the camp all set up when the
others arrive.

The charge for the two weeks
outing for members is \$35.00,
and for non-members \$40.00.
This includes transportation
both ways, packing costs, cook,
and food. Individuals are expect-
ed to provide their own sleep-
ing bags and personal effects,
and have these properly packed
and labeled to be taken in in ad-
vance of the main party.

Anyone interested should con-
tact the committee composed of
Glen E. Sims, chairman, Park
Avenue, phone 3051-W, Robert
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TENDERFOOT CLIMB OF MIDDLE SISTER JULY 18-19, 1942

The Obsidians, Inc., are sponsoring a climb of the Middle Sister on July 18 and 19 for the benefit of those who have had a desire to climb a mountain and yet have not had the pleasure of doing so. The Obsidians are in a position to provide responsible and capable leaders and have the necessary equipment to insure the safety of a party on a climb such as that of the Middle Sister.

Those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must first realize that certain rules and regulations must be followed, and certain precautions taken. Leaders are making the following requirements and recommendations for this particular climb:

No one will be allowed on the climb unless they have leather-soled shoes. If possible these leather-soled shoes should have some type of nails and be waterproof. No rubber-soled shoes will be allowed because it is impossible to get traction with them on snow and ice.

This will be a climb on mostly snow and ice after leaving the elevation of 7,000 feet. So approximately the last 3,000 feet will be made on snow and ice. Climbers should equip themselves with dark glasses, gloves or mittens, wind-breaker or jacket of some type, grease paint—zinc oxide or some preparation suitable for protection from sunburn.

It will also be necessary for the individual to provide himself with a pack-board or pack-sack for packing their bedding or sleeping bag into a base camp which will be located approximately 5 miles in from Frog Camp near Camp Scott which is just above Sunshine Shelter.

Present plans are to leave Eugene Saturday afternoon, July 18, and travel by the McKenzie Highway to Frog Camp, a distance of approximately 80 miles. From Frog Camp, the party will hike by Obsidian Trail and then take off, after crossing White

Branch, and proceed upward to Sunshine Shelter and Camp Scott.

Individuals must bring their own food and lunch. Food should be of an easily digestible nature. Recommended lunch in the mountain should consist of oranges or lemons, grapefruit juice or tomato juice, dried prunes, raisins, chocolate bars, and not more than one sandwich, unless previous experience has proven that your particular system can digest food of this type during a period of exertion. After the climb, food in greater quantities and greater variety can be indulged in without ill effects.

It is suggested that all climbers make necessary arrangements so that they will be able to have breakfast over and ready to start climbing at 5 o'clock Sunday morning in order to take advantage of the coolness of the day, and the hardness of the snow.

For further details contact the leaders, Clifford K. Stalsberg, 932 East 20th, phone 3132-M, or 3300 Local 227, or Robert H. Lemon, 1280 Mill Street, phone 4725-J or 497. Those planning to make the climb should register at Hendershott's Gun Store on or before Friday, July 17.

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I would like to receive the cooperation of the membership as a whole on this particular climb. There may be a number of inexperienced people on this tenderfoot climb, and we should do our utmost to show them a good climb, and to instruct them in the various phases of mountaineering.

—Clifford K. Stalsberg.

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We note one improvement in the new trip schedules; that is, the addition of the word *Qualifying* after several trip descriptions. This information is especially interesting to new members.

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Mr. Moor: Lloyd, I wish you wouldn't sing at your work.

Lloyd: I wasn't working, sir.

"Mushrooms and Toadstools"

By Dr. O. Gullion

The true mushroom is the psalliota campestris, or meadow mushroom. The luscious tasty morsel you will have served to you during Summer Camp in Linnton Meadows. They grow there in profusion silently waiting for the gentle touch of the eager mushroomer who, however, must have his eagerness checkmated by a good round lot of mushroom study.

Any one of the higher fungi (plants without chlorophyll growing only on organic matter) may be called a mushroom.

Toadstool is a popular term for mushrooms, having a stem and cap, which are poisonous. There are very few toadstools in this country, not near enough to supply all the weary toads with stools, so please don't deprive the toads of their stools or you will have a terrible stomach ache or something worse. But take it from me, two weeks in Summer Camp will make you an eager mushroomer willing to stake your life on your own good judgement. We did it.

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mile hike from Frog Camp—or if you wish, come in by Proxy Creek. Choose your own lake-front site and make your bed. The first camp meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 3—Short trips to get acquainted with our surroundings: Linnton Springs, Foley Ridge, Lane Plateau, Obsidian Falls.

Tuesday, Aug. 4—Climb The Husband. Not a difficult climb, right from camp. Rock climb only.

Wednesday, Aug. 5—Visit Honey Lake—the one and only famous fishing lake. We plan to return the same day.

Thursday, Aug. 6—Climb Middle Sister from the South. A 10,000 peak, complete with glaciers and everything.

Friday, August 7—An easy trip up Sphinx Butte. Perhaps also the Wife.

Saturday, Aug. 8—Rest, swim and maybe do the washing. Some may want to trek to Sunshine for tomorrow's climb.

Sunday, Aug. 9 — Climb the North Sister. Leave camp early to be at the base by daylight. This a real mountain. Qualified climbers only.

Monday, August 10—We'll leave this day open in case you're tired.

Tuesday, Aug. 11—It's been a week since we climbed the Husband, so let's go up again.

Wednesday, Aug 12—Chambers Lakes, and if you're ambitious, on to Green Lakes with your sleeping bags. Stay over night. See tomorrow.

Thursday, Aug. 13—Climb the South Sister from the west (via Lost Creek Glacier) and have lunch on top with the toughies who carried their

sleeping bags up from Green Lakes. Return to base camp.

Friday, Aug. 14—Climb Substitute Point, a lookout point west of the Husband.

Saturday, Aug. 15—Swim, rest and get ready to leave in the morning.

Sunday, Aug. 16—Breakfast will be the last meal served in camp. Lunches will be provided to take with you. Back to the daily grind. How could two weeks go so fast?

See You In Camp

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vice for making this training course possible and for the good hosts they were on our field trip June 20 and 21.

I am sure all the Obsidians will be anxious to serve the Forest Service in case of emergency.

—C. K. Stalsberg.

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The scheduled trip to Crater Lake for Memorial weekend was changed to an overnight party at the cabin. The usual good time of dancing and playing "I doubt it" was enjoyed.

Myrtie Hamlin again furnished the refreshments of punch and cookies. Olga Mortensen was camped at her cabin above Belknap for the weekend and brought her neighbors, Mr. and

Mrs. Clodick to the cabin for dancing and a good time.

Others who enjoyed the party were Myrtie and Dorr Hamlin, Ada and Roy Smith, Lloyd Helikson, Nellie Moore, Thelma Watson, Helen Smith, Helen Abrahamson, Dr. Gullion, Mrs. Neal from Portland, Mary Pennoyer, and Bailey Castelloe who was there from Portland.

Sunday was spent hiking, taking pictures. The highlight of the weekend was enough wild strawberries for everyone to enjoy a big dishful, Saturday evening.

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One of the most recent improvements at the Obsidian cabin is the installing of lights in the kitchen, by Glen Sims. The women certainly appreciate this, as they know what it means to have good light while working in the kitchen.

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