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Summer Camp At Obsidian Camp, August 5 to 19

PROSPECTUS

The seventeenth annual summer outing of the Obsidians will be held from August 5th to 19th, 1945 at Obsidian Camp on the Skyline Trail. The location is the same as the very first camp, held in 1928.

The site is four and one half miles from Frog Camp, at the junction of the Obsidian and the Skyline Trails. It is on a low ridge with a cold stream on either side, just below a plateau on which lies a small lake for swimming.

The camp is at the foot of the Middle Sister, with all the major peaks of the Sisters Area available for climbing.

TO REACH CAMP

To reach the camp, go by car or bus to Frog Camp on the McKenzie Highway, seventy five miles east of Eugene, hike south on the Obsidian Trail (which will be marked), crossing the lava beds, White Branch Creek, and OVER the Obsidian Cliffs to the camp site, at the junction with the Skyline Trail.

If you like the great outdoors, take this trip for both weeks. You can climb mountains, fish, swim, hike in mountain meadows, play soft ball or just be lazy for two weeks.

COST

Two weeks, members, \$30.00; non-members, \$35.00.

One week, members, \$20.00; non-members, \$25.00.

One day, members, \$3.00; non-members, \$3.25.

Each person will be required to furnish one pound of sugar for the two weeks, and to turn over red and blue ration points covering two weeks allotment, to the committee. Since the buying of

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Board Notes - March to May

The resignation of Jane Hall as secretary and member of the board, because of moving from Eugene, was accepted by the board at its March meeting. Arlene Brant was elected by the board to succeed her.

Bill Van Vactor was elected as an active member. He has been on several trips and is taking an active part in the Aircraft Rescue Unit.

Eight members who were in arrears more than the current year's dues were dropped for nonpayment.

Action was taken by the board to support the bill, in Congress, sponsored by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs to protect the Newbury lava flow and lava cast forest from mineral exploitation. An article will be found elsewhere in the bulletin on this subject.

Dorr Hamlin was authorized to write to our congressmen and senators, endorsing or opposing various bills in Congress, called to our attention by E. J. Hughes, President of the Federation.

Jane Hall Transferred

Jane Hall has been transferred by the State Welfare Board to Hood River. At the March meeting of the board, held at the Waldorfs, a farewell party was held for her by board members wives and husbands, with Lilian Boals and Roxie Waldorf as hostesses. She left on March 23rd for her new job, with the best wishes of all.

President's Message

One could spend many hours, or parts of many days, in the Obsidian camp area this August, just watching the play of light and shade about the majestic peaks. If one should weary of this, or of hiking, there remains a most fascinating challenge in the unique wild life; the trees, flowers, birds and animals. "How many new acquaintances can I make among the native citizens of this high country" might be a challenge to at least some campers. Who are some of the native citizens? Well, here are a few: Rosy Paint Brush, Hairy Paint Brush, Partridge Foot, Tolmies Saxifrage, Pasque Flower, White Heather, Red Heather, Brewers Monkey Flower, Penstemons (Rock Penstemon, Davidsons Penstemon, Wood Penstemon), Dwarf Hulsea, Larsens Collomia, Jacobs Ladder; then the trees, the twisted White Bark Pine, the shady Hemlock, and the heaven pointing Alpine fir, to be found only far from the haunts of man. Nor is there a lack of birds and other animals, tho there is lack of space here to put down their names. May those whose rare privilege it is to spend even a few days in this quiet retreat, make at least a few new friends among the natives.

—FRANK SIPE

New Prospective Member

A prospective junior male member arrived this month at the home of Tony Vogel and wife. Tony thinks he will be a skier.

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Warning!

The War Department has just
released the following informa-
tion for publication:

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Local Walks Schedule

May - June - July '45

May 13, Santa Clara Loop, pot-
luck 3:00 p. m., McKee; Glen
Sims, leader; 6 miles hike; 20
miles car.

May 20, Fall Creek, lunch at
Clark recreation area, trip to
logging area. Class in fire loca-
tion and fighting. Joint with Na-
tural History group. Hamlin and
the Willamette Forest Service;
4 miles hike; 70 miles car, quali-
fying.

May 27, Coast trip, somewhere
north of Florence. Overnight
trip. See the sea. Watch for de-
tailed announcement. Paul
Campbell, leader; 5 miles hike;
200 miles car.

June 3, Hardesty mountain.
Rhododendron time. Cliff Stals-
berg, leader; 11 miles hike; 60
miles car, qualifying.

June 10, Mount Nebo, via
Wendling. Arlene Brant, leader;
6 miles hike; 50 miles car; quali-
fying.

June 17, Butte south of
Springfield; Elmer McBee, lead-
er; 3 miles hike; 6 miles car.

June 24, Mount June. Provided
fire regulations do not interfere;
Percy Brown, leader; 5 miles
hike; 60 miles car; qualifying.

July 1, Leaburg Lake, McKen-
zie dam. Picnic. Hugh Currin,
leader; 2 miles hike; 54 miles
car.

July 8, Mary's Peak. Joint with
Chemeketans. Route optional.
Dorr Hamlin, leader; 2 miles
hike; 120 miles car; qualifying.

July 15, Hamlins orchard. Pic-
nic. Myrtie Hamlin, leader; 4
miles hike; (or 4 miles car).

May 22, Cabin trip. Overnight,
optional. Darwin Yoran, leader;
4 miles hike; 106 miles car.

July 28, Seavy's picnic grounds
—picnic. Watson Hasselrooth,
leader; 16 miles car.

Aug. 5-19, Summer Camp.

Local Walks Comm. by Sims,
Deckman, Sipe, Boals.

tion of locality or time should be
spread by printing or writing
regarding any specific balloon
incident, which might aid the
enemy.

Among Our Members

Lt. Col. Paul Lafferty and
Blanche Osborn crossed the Pa-
cific on the same transport.
Blanche is now with the Red
Cross in India.

Bob Wilson was home for a
short furlough recently. He has
been assigned to a ship just re-
cently commissioned on the At-
lantic coast.

Bryan Ryan has been a First
Lieutenant for some time. Sorry
we did not have this for the
last issue.

Bill Peltier writes from the
Philippines that he saw Ger-
ald Johnson's pilots put on a
"show" about a thousand yards
from his Artillery Observation
Post. He sent his Obsidian mem-
bership card to Gerald's head-
quarters as a greeting card!

Staff Sgt. Brian Gillespie has
been awarded the second oak leaf
cluster to the air medal as a ball
turret gunner in the 8th air
force. Congratulations, Brian.

Corp. Forrest Morgan was also
mentioned recently in the Guard
as being with the 8th Air Force
in England.

Van Purdy has seen action at
Lingayen Gulf, Mindanao, and
on Luzon.

It is now Major Warren E.
Smith. He saw plenty of action
on Iwo Jima as well as in other
campaigns.

Bailey and Mary Castelleo
were up from Portland and at-
tended the Big Fall Creek trip.
We understand that they are
moving back to Eugene soon.

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Notes on Summer Camp

Twenty three already signed up for Summer Camp. Looks like a good time would be had by all.

BE PREPARED to contribute to campfire sessions. Learn a reading, story, stunt, or some good jokes—and help make the campfires good.

With the Japs driven back to Honshu, we can have real campfires, and as late as we wish.

Vena Amort continues to send in ration points. How about yours?

The Chemeketans have changed their plans and are starting their trip from our camp on August 12, so it would not be possible for any of the Obsidians to use the horses for a trip north on the Skyline Trail as previously anticipated. They may have a joint climb of the North Sister with us on August 12th.

Embarrassed

Two fair members on a trip to Mary's Peak entered a strip of timber west of Camp Adair and found a small lake. They slipped off their clothes and had a fine swim. As they left the water to dress, a command was heard: "Camouflage unit, fall in!" The "timber" moved into formation and marched off."

Shortages

Clerk: "I'll have to have a raise in salary—three other companies are after me."

Boss: "Is that so! Who are they?"

Clerk: "The light company, the phone company and the water company."

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Sumer Camp at Obsidian Camp

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supplies must be done early, these ration points may be turned in at any time. The committee will buy and hold your supplies until the camp period. Costs include the following:

1) Meals from Sunday night August 5 to noon lunch, Sunday, August 19.

2) Transportation of 35 pounds of dunnage per person from Eugene to the camp site.

3) Use of club equipment. Persons attending for less than two weeks must have their dunnage with that of the main party, or arrange their own packing.

REGISTRATION

Registration is at Hendershott's Gun Store in Eugene. A deposit of \$10.00 must be paid to the committee not later than July 21, and the balance before leaving Eugene.

BAGGAGE

Baggage must be securely tied in rolls or in dunnage bags. It must be labeled and tied well for the pack horse trip into camp. Each person is limited to 35 pounds of dunnage. Excess weight will be charged at 10c per pound.

Baggage must be left at the home of Robt. H. Lemon, 1280 Mill Street, Eugene, by July 31.

The club will provide emergency shelter tents. Individuals should bring tents as part of their dunnage.

EQUIPMENT

Bring a sleeping bag. The nights may be cold, so bring an extra blanket. Air mattresses add much in comfort, but are not absolutely necessary.

The following are indispensable:

1. A good bed.
2. Heavy hiking shoes, not necessarily high but preferably hobbled.
3. Heavy wool socks.
4. Colored glasses.
5. Suitable hiking clothes.
6. Small first aid kit.
7. Sunburn prevention.
8. Small knapsack or pack board.
9. Drinking cup or canteen

10. Flashlight.

11. Swim suit.

Reduce personal belongings to minimum. The club will furnish dishes, cooking utensils, a cook to prepare meals, first aid equipment, lanterns in camp, and such climbing equipment as is necessary in the way of ropes, ice axes, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Forest Service telephone is located one and one-half miles from camp, and occasional calls will be made to McKenzie Bridge. Emergency calls may be made to Eugene.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Persons attending this outing are expected to comply with a few simple rules which have been found necessary for the safety and harmony of such an expedition.

WHO MAY ATTEND

Any person, whether members of the club or not are cordially invited to attend the outing. The purpose of these Obsidian outings is to make it possible for outdoor lovers to visit the outdoors in comfort.

OUTING COMMITTEE

Ray Sims, 2181 Washington St., Phone 4330-M.

Sterling F. Patterson, 92 W. 19th Street, Phone 3290-W.

Helen Smith, 108 Monroe, Phone 352-M.

Helen Weiser, Coburg Road, Phone 4106-J-1.

Robert H. Lemon, Chairman, 1280 Mill St., Phone 4725-J.

Important: If you cannot go for full two weeks, please so indicate on sign-up list at Hendershott's.

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Local Walks Briefs

Thelma Watson's trip out to Murray's Hill on March 4th was a success with seven out. The weather—sun and rain.

The next two trips, Cloverleaf Dairy; Airport and Fern Ridge Dam were cancelled on account of the weather.

Elmer McBee had a successful trip on March 25th. They made a circuit of Spencer's Butte.

The Weiser's had looked forward to an Easter Party but old Jupe was against them and the good time had to be postponed.

Sterling Patterson was brave to lead a trip on April 8th. The weather—rain, hail and more hail; but the trip was on the butte south of Springfield. This was a new trip to the club. Let's have it repeated in good weather.

Ray Sims had a good crowd out to climb Eagles Rest April 15th. The weather was not too favorable, but all arrived home after an enjoyable trip.

April 22nd was Louis Waldorf's trip on Goodpasture Island. After the hike a covered dish was held in Weiser's picnic grove—seven members joined us for the evening who were not on the hike. Volley ball and a big bonfire was the entertainment after dinner.

The May 6th trip to Seavey's

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Newbury Lava Flow

At the last annual meeting of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, a special committee reported in favor of leaving the Newbury Lava Flow and lava cast forest, near Paulina Lake, under the supervision of the Forest Service but of having the area withdrawn from mineral claim exploitation. Some small operations had already been started in pumice deposits. Accordingly, a bill has been introduced in congress at the request of E. J. Hughes, President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, by Rep. Lowell Stockman of that district. Member clubs and individuals have been asked to write congress members for their support of the bill.

This area is one of the most outstanding displays of Nature's handiwork of this kind in the United States and should be preserved for the public. At the same time, it is not of national park or monument caliber, being almost within the cutting area of the large lumber mills.

Butte was enjoyed by 15. The weather was perfect and several major peaks were visible. Several people were out with us for the first time—we hope they will come again.

A total of 35 attended the joint trip of the Obsidians and Nature Study Society to the timber sales areas on Fall Creek in the Willamette National Forest, as guests of the Forest Service. Lunch was eaten at Clark Creek recreation area. This was a most interesting trip into both heavy timber cutting and selective cutting of piling, with the forest management and control explained by forest officials. Dorr Hamlin was leader.

Notice

Will the person to whom I loaned my sleeping bag, last winter, please return it to me.—GLEN SIMS.

Loyd Sims Survives Franklin

Glen Sims received a phone call from his son, Loyd, also a member, in San Francisco, that he was on duty on the aircraft carrier Franklin when it was struck and burned for ten hours but was unhurt and returned to the States. He is now on leave in San Diego with his wife and expects to be reassigned to duty soon.

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