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*The Obsidian Board of Directors
cordially invites you
to attend the
Clubhouse Dedication - May 19th*

On Sunday, May 19th, the formal dedication of the Obsidian Clubhouse will take place. This will be a heartwarming moment for every Obsidian.

The program for the day is as follows:

2 PM to 6 PM.

Public open house. The Princesses acting as Hostesses; the Chiefs as guides.

6:30 PM.

Sunday Potluck Supper. This event for members and their friends and special guests only.

Dedication ceremonies to follow dinner. Clarence Scherer, Presiding. Presentation of guests and speakers. Margaret Markley, dedication.

POTLUCK INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS

The May 19th Sunday Supper will be sandwiches, Salads and Dessert. Please bring your own table service as usual and a generous supply of your assignment of food, by alphabetic designation. Sandwiches: Names from A thru H. Salads or chips names from J thru R. Desserts: names from S thru W.

It is hoped that everyone will turn out for this important event. Please bring as extra bit of potluck to accommodate any guests we may have.

From a plan that had its beginning back in 1927 to satisfy man's desire for the best of fellowship, the Obsidian Club evolved. Its history is interesting and a fine clubhouse has always been its dream.

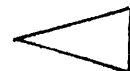
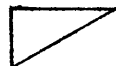
Today the Clubhouse is complete, and it is a fine one. Many people and many years have shared in its making.

We will show our fine clubhouse to the people of Eugene. All members are urged to ask their friends to visit. They will also have an opportunity to learn a little about the club and the wonderful friendships that have been created through the club activities.

Displays will be there to view, and the Chiefs will be on hand with a ready explanation. The Princesses will serve refreshments for the visitors.

At 6:30 we will have a Sunday night snack followed by a short dedication service. We know you will enjoy the event, and there will be plenty of time allowed to visit with your long time trail friends.

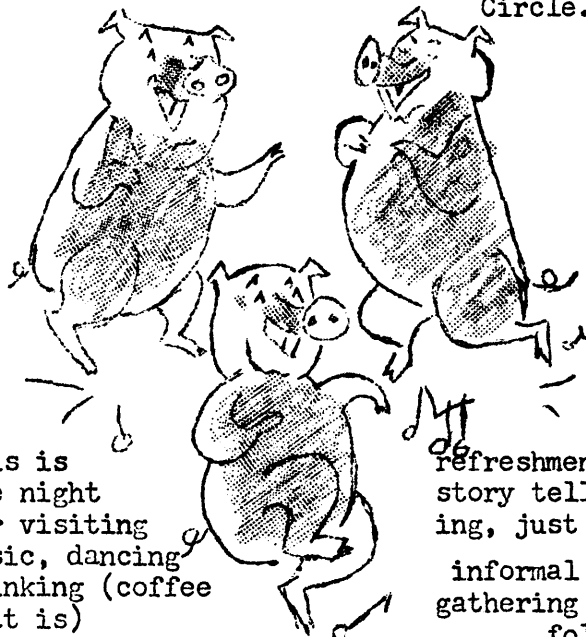
OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS..are specially invited to attend. The event will not be complete without you. We ask that you make a real effort to join your friends Sunday May 19th.



President....Margaret Markley.....4-0716
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Dues are Due.....October.
 Committee Chairmen: Trips, Gene Sebring;
 Building, Bob Medill; Entertainment, Betty Boeshans;
 Climbing, Bob Dark, Search and Rescue, Stanley Hasek;
 Library, Art Johnson; Membership, Mary Jo Johannis;
 Conservation, Don Hunter; Outing, Jim Jeppesen;
 Youth, Frank Moore; Grounds, Mac McWilliams;
 Scientific, Mary Douglass Stovall.

COMING EVENTS

MAY 16 OBSIDIAN DANCE NIGHT and fireside Circle.



This is the night for visiting music, dancing drinking (coffee that is)

refreshments story telling, just an informal gathering of folks

May 17 NATURAL HISTORY This date marks the end of the season for this group and the last program is Don Hunter and his illustrated lecture on the Oregon Volcanic Cascades, and the multiple use plan. NOTE place! Room 123 Science bldg.

MAY 19 SUNDAY, CONE PEAK and Thelma Watson is the leader. This is up the South Santiam and NW of Iron Mt. This has always looked interesting from Iron Mt. Lets go.

MAY 20th MONDAY PRINCESS meeting at the home of Helen Hughes.

MAY 25th This is the date for our rummage sale. Can you help? Call Nellie 5-1422 RI

MAY 25 & 26 Two days on the coast at Sunset bay near Arago with Bayard McConnaughey. There will be a low tide Sunday and Cape Arago at low tide is exciting.

MAY 27th This is Obsidian picture night at Friendly House. If you haven't been out to this event for some time come on over and lets fill the place.

JUNE 1 & 2 Another two day trip and this is also very interesting country. Fort Rock, our newest State Park. Trips comm. has a side trip to one of the ice caves over there. Bob Northrup is leader.

JUNE 9th Alan Reid has a place picked out up in the Lowell Ranger District and Alan sure knows where the good places are.

CLIMBS

June 8 & 9 will be the first climb of the season and will be up Mt McLaughlin. Mel. Jackson is the leader of this one.

GIRL SCOUTS TRIPS AND LEADERS

Helen Smith, Barbara Hasek, and Eleanor Woods will be leading the girl scouts on backpacking hikes this summer. Trips will be Ollalie Trail with Helen June 30 to July 7, Skyline Trail with Barbara, July 21 to 27, and McKenzie summit to Elk Lake with Eleanor, starting August 25. Another trip will be to Mink Lake basin led by Mrs. Dan Sellard and Mrs. James Jacobsen.

CLIMBING SCHOOL After being cancelled for one week account one of the main leaders was unable to attend, will begin its first class at Harris Hall, May 15th at 8 PM.

WORK PARTY SATURDAY MORNING 9 AM THE 18th Bring your lunch and stay all day if you can. If not, then come in the forenoon or afternoon. This is to help Mac do some odd jobs around the place in preparation for our open house.

ATTENTION ALL OBSIDIANS

When you turn in your Gold Bond Stamp Books for premiums, please ask that the back covers be validated and returned. Or, if your book is one of the newer ones with no extra back cover, just ask the clerk for a "Donation Certificate". Full books are gladly accepted as they add 700 points. Back covers add 10 points. Turn in full books or back covers to Nellie McWilliams or Thelma Watson. Please continue saving Betty Crocker coupons and MJB coffee bands. We thank you.

ART JOHNSON is slowly but surely acquiring pictures of old Obsidian events for the book he is preparing for the Lodge.

May 1963

CASTLE ROCK MARCH 16

Seven hikers took off on a snow covered logging road at 10:30 a.m. The evergreens were covered with snow as a result of the heavy fall during the week and this was one of the highlights of the trip. After a mile of hiking we turned off on the trail. In places it had as much as a foot of snow but was easily visible. After some precipitation early in the hike, blue sky appeared. When we arrived at the lookout about one o'clock, the sun had a lot of warmth and we all enjoyed relaxing after the long climb. The snow measured 16 in. at the top. We spent an hour on top and were back at the cars at 4 o'clock. We had a good view from the lookout and could see practically everything but the snow peaks. We particularly enjoyed having a young woman with us from England. She had never hiked in snow and thought it was great. Those on the hike were: Ken King, Jane Tucker, Scott Van Fossen, Judi Hurst, Catherine Dunlop, Margaret Wiese, Catherine Jones, Leader.

RIBBON PARK TRAIL MARCH 31

Four hardy perspsns of the eight that had signed up braved the inclement weather to show up for the trip at 9 a.m. We drove to the Obsidian Lodge and left one car and then went to Pearl Buck school to begin the hike. We went up the recently cleared trail in this section to Fox Hollow Road, east on the ridge to Old Dillard road. We climbed Old Baldy for its fine views and ate lunch there. It sleeted a little as we descended and finally a light rain caught us. The old roads and trails were very soggy. Flowers were pretty well water soaked but among those in blossom were Lambs Tongue, two kinds of Trillium, Clypson Orchids, Wild Iris, Field Buttercups, Baby Blue Eyes, Wild Currant and Hounds Tongue. We reached the Lodge at 1 p.m. and felt hat we had had a very enjoy able trip. The distance covered would be 4 or 5 miles. Those on the trip Mike Bray, R.O.McWilliams, Vinita Seal of 765 E. 18th, Apt. 9, her first trip, and Margaret Markley, Leader.

ROOSTER ROCK APRIL 2

Tooster Rock in a pleasant short trip, even in the rain and snow, tho a later date and clear air would give a better opportunity to see the surrounding country. The madronna trees on the south slope of the mountains are some of the first in the valley, and to see them makes the trip worth while, even if there were nothing else. Sixteen persons made the trip,

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including three children. We left the cars at 9:45 in the rain and reached the top at about 11:45 in the rain. A snowstorm across the canyon was interesting to see, but when it decided to stay across the canyon, lunch was finished quickly and we started down. Members of the party were: Dorothy Towlerton, Marilyn Nyers and Dennis Myers (Dorothy's grandchildren). Art Johnson, Clarence Landes, Susie Wilkins, Mac McWilliams, Ken Epperson, Robin Brant Earl L Neet, Thelma Watson, Del Blattler Dean Patterson, Pat Patterson, Catherine Dunlop and Helen Hughes, Leader.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY FLOWER TRIP May 5th was not as successful as the leaders would have liked it to have been as this spring weather has not co-operated very well. The group did see quite a bit of flora that was new to them. but it took quite a bit of travel to find it. The Indian Warrior on the Applegate was the most spectacular New to all of the group was the finding of the White Lewisia at Rough and Ready. The weather did not stop the group Sunday for a short hike down the Rogue, west from Wolf Creek. Those making the trip: Helen Weiser, Susan, Pricilla & Bruce Huntington, Margaret Markley, Thelma Watson, Ted and Mary Jo Johannis, all of Eugene. Anna Pechanec and two students, Lorene Stickney & Clayton Weir from Vancouver, Wash. Lucy Schattenkirk, Agnes Roth and the leaders The Wesleys, all from Roseburg.

HENRY JEPPESEN AND GENE SEBRING have finished hanging the cabinet doors and have put in the drawer guides and have them all painted and varnished. Henry has also varnished the three rockers.

GLACIER PARK SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST 4 to 17

OBSIDIAN
ANNUAL OUTING

to be at
ST MARY'S LAKE = GLACIER PARK

A FULL AND EXCITING
PROGRAM IS ALREADY IN
STORE FOR US AS THE
COMMITTEE AND PARK PERSONNEL ARE WORKING
TOGETHER ON THE CAMP PROGRAM FOR OUR CAMP
SIGN-UP SHEET IS DOWN AT GILBERT'S SHOE
STORE AND YOU CAN GET MORE DETAILS FROM
THE PROSPECTUS INCLUDED IN THIS BULLETIN.
SEE THE OUTING DISPLAY AT THE OPEN HOUSE.



BOARD NOTES

All board members were in attendance. Non-board members attending were Bob Ashworth, Bob Northrup, Gene Johnson, Frank Moore, Barbara Hasek, Mac McWilliams, Jim Jeppesen. Reported checking account balance at \$896.47. Bills ordered paid, Bus Com any, \$142.35, Electricity and water, \$17.98, Corporation filing fee, \$5.00 Mishlers, \$8.41, postage \$10. Schedules, \$56.40. Letter of protest was read from Margaret Wiese re no Saturday trips on the schedule. This raised a lot of discussion. The biggest headache is not being able to get leaders for Sat. Finally settled by instructing following trip committees chairmen to include on the committee some members who want Saturday trips. Climbing school reported that because of one of the prime members being unavailable for the first meeting postponement for one week was necessary. First session will be Wed. May 15, Harris Hall, 8 p.m. Frank Moore has listed another rabbit hunt for his explorer scouts. Seems there was so much excitement during his last hunt and no one got shot we would try it again. The last hunt only one rabbit was seen, but the boys expended so much lead at this one rabbit everyone was satisfied and no damage to the rabbit. Bob Ashworth reported on the first care exploring and it sounded real interesting. 8 went on it down in the Lava National Monument. Scout charter for this year again presented to the Obsidians and will be framed by Bob Northrup. Because of too much work being Secretary and Treasurer both the work has been divided, Dorothy remaining treasurer and secretarial duties will be performed by Barbara Hasek. Meeting adjourned sometime after 11 p.m. After adjournment a movie was shown about the National Girl Scout camp at Todd Lake. This was especially interesting, and covered a 5-day hike from Todd Lake around the Green Lakes and a climb of Broken Top. NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th.

(P.S. Frank has scheduled a climb of Mt. Hood for his explorer Scouts May 25, 26.)

MUCH APPRECIATED are the rummage items being brought to the Lodge; donations may be brought to the Rummage Center the evening of May 24 also. Please call Di 5-1422 if you can help with the sale May 25.

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CONSIDERABLE VANDALISM WAS observed by the Bulletin Committee when they arrived to publish the OBSIDIAN on Saturday morning. The Obsidian sign had been torn from the front entrance, steps torn to pieces, beer bottles and wood strewn about.

STAHL'S RANCH TRIP April 28. The only sunny day in April greeted a group of Obsidians at Wayout Ranch-"You do live way out in the country, don't you?"-the Stahl residence in the hills near Lorane. It was a day for loafing, basking, and talking, but Mike was persuaded, after suitable discussion, to lead a short hike before lunch. We viewed beaver dams and ponds (no beaver), windstorm damage, and assorted flowers, bushes and trees. Then lunch, at which time Mr Mark B. Castelloe, after a bit of flowery elocution, presented a house warming gift to Mike and Dorothy, on behalf of a goodly group of Obsidian. The gift was a card autographed by this group plus a fireplace tongs, and fifteen dollars. The gifts were gratefully accepted. After lunch a smaller party hiked up the hill north of the house, explored an abandoned homestead, then followed a logging road eastward along the rest of the ridge to the county road. The view of the Sisters was excellent from some points along the ridge. The return was made, with some short cuts along the county road back to the house, where the main occupation to the day, loafing, basking, and talking, was resumed. Iced tea, Koolaid and cookies helped to make this more enjoyable. Those making the trip were: Myrtie Hamlin, Florence and Glen Sims, Keith and Frances Newsom, Margaret Markley, Thelma Watson, Mac and Nellie McWilliams, Bob, Kenna, Jim Steve, and Mike Northrup, Roxie and Louis Waldort, Ray Sims, Bailey and Mary Castelloe, Dorothy Towlerton, Olga Mortensen, Mike, Dorothy, Don and Peggy Stahl who were the leaders.

SPECIAL from Mike and Dorothy.

We thank all of our friends, who, by their presence at the recent trip to our home, made the day a wonderfully enjoyable one for us. And all those, present or not, who contributed to the gifts that will make our home a more pleasant place to live. The monetary part of the gift was converted to two chaise lounge lawn chairs. They await any Obsidians who feel the desire to occupy them. Mike and Dorothy.

WE QUOTE from the trip and climbing schedule: "REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING. Please do not inconvenience the leader by failing to make prior reservation. The registration board is located at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 East Broadway."

LOOK WHO'S HERE Ina Foss has come home. After spending the winter traveling all over Mexico and part of southwestern Texas. Must of been an exciting winter.

JIM SIMS has visited England, France, Morocco, Spain, and Switzerland, and is now working on a farm in West Germany learning the language. How is it, Jim? You pitch the fence over, some hay, or pitch the cow over the fence some hay?

BOB FRAZIER visited Wash., D.C. and Atlantic City recently to receive the National Headliner Trophy won by the Register-Guard for their outstanding job of news-paper reporting of the Columbus Day Storm. Bob's reports appeared during the week of April 22; he is Assoc. Editor.

BOB'S SON, JOE FRAZIER, won a trophy and blue ribbon with his photo of Dave Johnson drinking at the campus fountain during the March 27 storm; the contest was sponsored by Linfield College. Joe also won 3rd place in SEHS Law Day Editorial Contest; he is a senior.

FLORENCE FULTON sent to the Princesses a gift for the Lodge kitchen - a tea cloth with Obsidian emblem embroidered on each corner. Thank you, Florence.

BOB & MARY MEDILL are back home again, after boating down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from Cincinnati to New Orleans and back up to Cincinnati. They report that if you want to get away from it all, completely away, that is the way to go. No phones, no TV, No nothin' except fun, good eats, and wonderful sights.

"SILENT SPRING" by Rachel Carson. Have you read it, or read it in its condensed form? You should. She has had a lot of criticism over her story, but the book is highly recommended by Chief Justice William O. Douglas. One of her answers to these critics is pictures of robins, dead from eating worms from soil that has been poisoned with insect poison, weed poison. Another one of her answers, and her latest is an article from Eastern Canada publication warning hunters to not eat Woodcock killed on their migration North. It has been found that these birds have been poisoned with a spray put out down South to kill the fire ant. And she gets a big laugh from a notice sent out to a big chemical company to its customers telling them that the sale of pesticides will be as heavy as ever, come spring, because the scare created by her story will have been forgotten.

KAY FAHY home recovering from pneumonia. The last time Kay came home from the Islands she was affected with a deep longing to go back, not pneumonia.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Wanda Mountjo, of Springfield
Mrs. Dorothy Whitlock, of Springfield
David Lentz, Sr. Eugene
Ronald Funke, Jr. Eugene
Roberta Bostick, Jr. Eugene
And a welcome to you all and follow the announcements of activities in the bulletin and come out and see us.

PRINCESS DOIN'S

A lively meeting took place April 16 in the board room at the Lodge with 11 Princesses present. Gold Bond Stamps were discussed. Nellie Mac & Catherine Dunlop suggested everyone should bring their stamps to the meetings each time, to take the place of the penny drill.

For the forthcoming open house of the Lodge, the Princesses are happy to furnish and serve refreshments, and act as hostesses. The committee in charge are Helen Weiser, Nellie McWilliams, and Helen Kilpatrick, with Thelma Watson making punch for the punch bowl. (She has a choice recipe). Someone suggested that old time Obsidian members be asked to pour coffee and tea.

The next meeting will be May 20 at the Home of Helen Hughes. Mary Kaneen will be assistant Hostess.

Helen Kilpatrick reminded every one of Ruth Hopson's nature course every Monday & Wednesday at 7 P.M. on Channel 7
Hostesses Mary C. & Nellie Mac served angel food cake and ice cream with coffee and tea. Myrtie Hamlin brought date and nut bread. Catherine D. brought candy.

RUTH HOPSON'S TV program on botany is very competently and attractively presented. We compliment you Ruth. (7 p.m. KOAC-TV, Mon. & Wed.)

MYRTIE HAMLIN'S granddaughter, Terri, recently participated in the Miss Universe contest (Ore. Div.) at Surftides Motel.

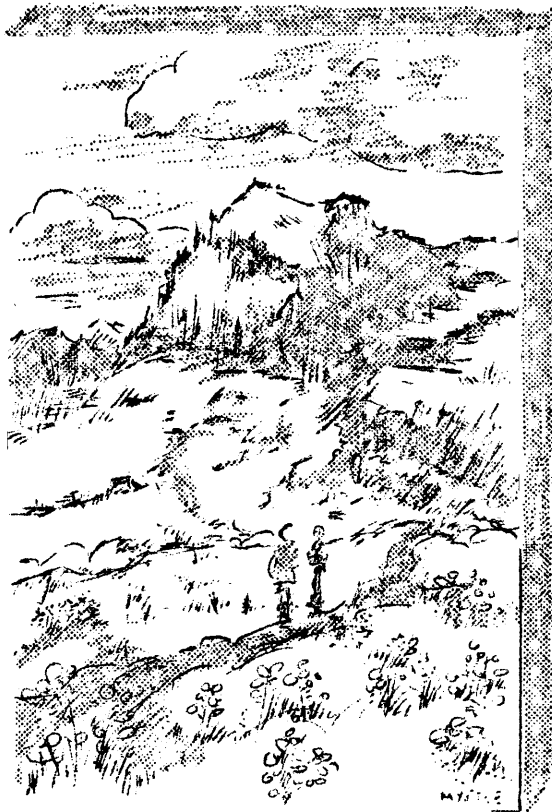
AN ELECTRICIAN has installed an electric eye to turn on the outside light on the North end of the Lodge when the shades of night have fallen. And of course it turns them off when the fall is over.

STANLEY HASEK has been elected President of the Willamette Ski Patrol.

Metal pack frame and pack sack for sale. Call Nellie Mac after 5 P.M. DI 5-1422

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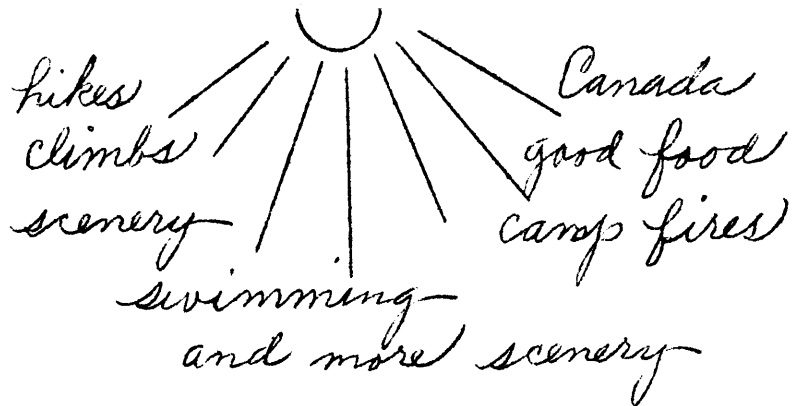
OBSIDIAN SUMMER CAMP



34TH ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING
AUGUST 4-17, 1963 in

GLACIER NAT'L PARK
MONTANA

CAMP MARKLEY



A review of the last outing report on a camp in Glacier by the Obsidians, states that they enjoyed wonderful weather and saw unlimited beauty all about them. Several persons have stated that of the many places they have camped, this is the one to return to. The Park has many trails, lakes and mountains that should appeal to everyone in camp. The beauty abounds from roadside and trailside.

Several side trips will be made about the Park by auto and also hiking. Some bivouac hikes will be made with suitable foodstuffs provided by the camp.

A centrally located site near the easterly half of the "Going-to-the-Sun" highway has been requested and will be announced.

SUMMER OUTING COMMITTEE

Jim Jeppesen, Chm.
Harry Carlson
Barbara Hasek
R.O. (Mac) McWilliams
Nellie McWilliams

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Ri 7-2458
Di 5-1422
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Contact any of the committee
for information and watch
Bulletin Board at Gilberts
Shoe Store

REGISTRATION

Make reservations with Sterling Behnke at Gilbert's Shoe Store, 49 E. Broadway, Eugene, or Barbara Hasek, P.O. Box 452, Springfield, Ore., or with Jim Jeppesen, 1883 Labona Drive, Eugene, Ore., or with R.O. McWilliams, 810 W. 26th Ave., Eugene, Ore. A deposit of \$10 must accompany all reservations except those of weekenders, etc. This deposit will not be refunded after July 27th, 1963, except in cases of emergency. All reservations must be made by Sat., July 20, 1963, so that the committee can make essential arrangements for food, transportation and equipment. Make Check payable to Obsidians, Inc.

FOOD

A memorable part of any camp is the food and the committee intends to provide you with the best. Selma Vagsness will again be our cook assisted by Nellie and Mac McWilliams. Meals will be served from Dinner, Sunday, August 4, through Lunch, Sat. Aug. 17, 1963. All meals including lunches and bivouac supplies are included in the camp fee.

FEE SCHEDULE

Adults and teeners over 12 years	Children 6-12 years	3yrs to 5 yrs.
Two weeks-----\$40.00	Two weeks---\$20.00	\$12.50
One Week----- 22.50	One week---- 11.50	7.00
One Day----- 4.00	One day----- 2.00	2.00

This includes all meals, use of camp equipment including tableware and dormitory tents for those who do not bring their own. On bivouacs you will do y our own cooking. (Children under three years, free) (Non-Member adults will pay \$5 additional for 2 weeks; \$2.50 for one week.)

ACTIVITIES

The committee will have a recommended trip schedule posted in camp. Other trips, of course, may be substituted or added. Hikers and climbers should sign up for all trips so that their whereabouts is known and all safety rules should be observed.

We will have campfires and swimming; hikes and trips to such places as Iceberg Lake, Piegan Pass, Mt. Siyeh, Grinnel Glacier, Granite Peak Chalet, Waterton lakes, including motor launch trip into the U.S. (at extra cost) Trick Falls and Two Medicine Lake. Some worthwhile overnite bivouacs are planned. There are several climbing opportunities. For those who wish to fish, a license is not necessary to fish in the Park.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be by private car. For those without their own transportation, a mileage fee of \$33.00 will be collected by the outing committee and dispensed to the drivers. This fee includes rides from and to Eugene, Oregon, and all side trips in camp. Mileage from other points prorated accordingly.

A stopover spot will be located near Spokane, Washington, for those wishing to meet their friends en route.

Each camper will be responsible for getting his or her personal gear to the point of departure. The committee will be glad to help arrange transportation

PERSONAL GEAR

A warm sleeping bag and air mattress
Sun glasses and sunburn prevention
Flashlight and extra bulbs and batteries
Rain clothes and warm clothes for chilly evenings
For mountaineers, crampons, ice axe and parka
For bivouackers, personal cooking gear, pack sack or pack/frame
Hiking shoes or boots of good quality
Plenty of wool socks
Swim suit
Relaxing Clothes
Camera and plenty of film
Fishing gear.