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Dates to Remember

Oct 10	Annual Meeting
Oct 15	Board Meeting
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**Membership Dues
Are Overdue!**

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Annual Meeting

Friday, October 10
7:00pm, at the Lodge
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Summer Camp 2009

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California Dreamin'

Photos and Article by Jim Pierce

OUR LASSEN EXTENDED TRIP was a great adventure for the fearless fourteen. The weather was sunny and warm (49 lows to 85 highs) each day. All seven cars arrived safely... so much for carpooling. We had the group campground all to ourselves, so the eight tents and two RV's spread out. The group dinners were scrumptious concoctions... Barb is gathering the recipes for the soon-to-be best selling Obsidian cookbook. Some of the biggest trees (Jeffery pines and red firs) were right in the campsite. The stars and Milky Way galaxy were magnificent, until the bright half moon rose, casting shadows even from the ropes holding the tarp. The wind surged through the trees creating its own symphony, punctuated by the morning woodpeckers.



Heading up the trail to climb Lassen Peak.

Thursday's hike was a four-mile, downhill, shuttle hike. We saw rocks with glacier grooves, snow shaped manzanita and a multitude of wildflowers that were a bit past their prime. Bumpass Hell geothermal area is the second largest geothermal area in the lower 48 states, hosting roaring steam vents, mud pots, boiling colored ponds and a HOT creek. After Bumpass we descended along a sheer ridge to Cold Boiling Lake for lunch and then we hiked on to Kings Creek Meadow. We finished before 2:00 PM. Since everyone thought they were adjusted to the altitude we hiked down both of the Kings Creek Falls, the spectacular cascade and the downstream free-leaper. Some noticed the elevation gain and the altitude (over 7000 feet) on the hike out. Our evening excitement was a rather large, white-gas cooking fire.

Friday was our day to climb Lassen Peak. The climb is like climbing two Pisgahs (2000 feet), but it starts out high, at 8450 feet, with the summit at 10,457 feet (taller

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2008 Annual Meeting

THE OBSIDIAN ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday October 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Members may pay their annual dues to renew their membership at the meeting although mail-in renewal is encouraged. The meeting will include state of the club reports, committee reports, voting for new board members, and other club business. Come and see what it takes to keep this great organization going

Note: There will be no potluck preceding the Annual Meeting

Awards

CLIMB, TRIP, AND LEADER AWARDS will be presented at the October 10th annual meeting. To find your 2007 activity totals, check the trip log and leader logs posted on our website in the members' only section. If you think you have earned an award and have not been notified, contact one of these people:

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Have you ever wondered what it takes to accomplish all the steps needed to make a trip happen, record it and figure out who is getting the awards? Janet Jacobsen has too and writes about it. See Page 8.

Membership Dues May Be LATE!

THANKS TO THE MANY OBSIDIAN MEMBERS who have already sent in their 2008/2009 Obsidian membership dues. However, for those of you who have not yet returned your renewal form and dues, you are officially late! Don't take a chance on losing the many benefits of membership, including this wonderful *Bulletin*.



This year, the membership renewal was sent in a separate mailing, and the mailing included a brief membership survey. The survey will help the club better serve members. Please take just a few moments to complete your renewal form and the survey. Also, please join us as a volunteer by indicating your interest in leading hikes, winter trips, climbs or other activities, or by indicating if you wish to volunteer on any committees or in any other capacity. Finally, please consider one of the premium membership levels. Contributions to the Contingency Fund and the Endowment Repayment Fund are welcomed, as well. Just add any donation amount to your dues check and specify which fund(s) you wish to donate to on the form.

If the forest fairies, known for taking important items, have misplaced your forms, you can download them both at obsidians.org by clicking on "Members Only."

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CYCLING TO SUMMER CAMP

By John Pegg

WAYNE DEETER, Juli McGlinsky, and I bicycled to Camp Hamilton this year. Because of the 4th of July weekend and the need to be at camp in time to help with the camp set-up, we decided to start in Sisters, Oregon, instead of riding from Eugene. We carried everything we needed to camp along the way, but spent two days in hotels during the eleven day trip. While the high desert was often hot this time of year we had good weather the entire trip, saw lots of wild-life, birds, and some of the best wildflower displays I have ever seen. At the end of the trip, according to Wayne's GPS, we had climbed over 20,000 feet of elevation. The following are excerpts from the journal I kept.

Day 1, July 6, 2008, by a stream somewhere in the Ochocos. Distance today 59.26 miles.

Our first day on the road and I've already had my first flat tire, but it was quickly repaired. We started our bike trip in Sisters this morning. Juli's husband Dennis and Sue Sullivan transported us, our bikes, and all our gear to Sisters for the beginning of this adventure. It is a strange feeling to watch the cars pull away and know that you are on your own now for over 500 miles across some of the least populated country in the United States. What have I forgotten? Will my bike hold up under this load? Will I? It feels good

to be out here. I'm writing from inside my bivy to keep the mosquitoes away. It is cooling off already and I will have a great view of the stars tonight.

Day 3, July 8, 2008, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day, Oregon. Distance today 46.16 miles. Total distance, 165.21 miles.

Pulling into Mt. Vernon, Wayne had the second flat tire of the trip. The ride

to restrooms and showers. She charged us only five bucks! We spent the afternoon taking in the history of John Day, washing clothes, and relaxing.

Day 5, July 10, 2008, Bates Motel, Vale, Oregon. Distance today 72.25 miles.

We got up early to avoid the heat and after a quick breakfast, we left our camp at Unity Lake State Park for the

long ride to Vale. Now, relaxing at the Bates Motel (no connection to the movie *Psycho* I hope!), I'm realizing what a great ride it was today. The two climbs, Eldorado Pass at 4623' and Brogan Hill Summit at 3981' came in the first half of the day and were beautiful canyons, something right out of a western movie set. The descents were fabulous and my top speed was 43 miles per hour, pretty thrilling on a fully loaded bike. A tail wind pushed us on the long flats into

town like we were part of a stage in the Tour de France. Tomorrow we will be in Idaho.

Day 7, July 12, 2008, Hot Springs Camp on the Payette River outside of Garden Valley. Distance today 41.34 miles. Total distance 393.91 miles.

This has been both the best and worst day of the trip. I got up this morning with running-down-your-leg diarrhea and had to wade into the river to wash myself off before changing into bicycle shorts. I suspect water from some questionable streams the last few days, even though we filtered the water. Luckily Juli had some Imodium (although the



At the Sawtooths at last, the happy bikers are from left Wayne, John and Juli.

from our last camp near the John Day Fossil Beds was incredibly scenic. Seeing the high desert by bicycle is a treat. Wild flowers are everywhere and I'm quickly getting into bicycling shape. Birds seem to be wherever I look. I should have brought my binoculars. We are camped at the fairgrounds thanks to the great kindness of the woman at the fairgrounds office. It was our poor luck to find out the entire camping facility had been booked by a BMW motorcycle "Un-Rally," which is apparently a more relaxed, party version of a motorcycle rally. She made some phone calls and arranged for us to camp at a grassy place next to the rodeo grounds, a wonderful private place close

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Sumthin' for Nuthin'

By Lana Lindstrom, Obsidian Conservation Committee

DID YOU KNOW that there's a place in Eugene where you can ask for something and receive it for free? The idea is to reduce the waste in landfills and do good works for others, with the hope that it will come back to you ("good karma"). It's called Lane County PayItForward (formerly called Eugene FreeCycle) and it's a Yahoo group.

Here's how it works: Go to www.yahoo.com. On the left side, select "groups", and type in Lane County PayItForward and click on the link which appears. Or you can go there directly by typing:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaneCountyPayItForward>

If you already have a yahoo account, log in. If you don't have a yahoo account, you'll need to create one first (www.yahoo.com; click on "Free Mail: Sign up" in the upper right side of the screen). When you sign up to be a part of the PayItForward group, step 1 is to choose which e-mail address to receive messages (it doesn't have to be your yahoo account). In step 2, you select which messages you want to receive. You can either receive special messages from the Ad-

ministrators only, or receive a notice every time someone posts to the list (either one by one or batched for the day). Select the latter option only if you want to be inundated with e-mails! Personally, I peruse the list occasionally and post when I have something to offer or would like a particular item.

Postings are either "offers" or "wants". Your first posting must be an offer of an item. If you see something you'd like, you e-mail the person who posted it and make arrangements to pick it up. It's so simple that it works! I think this website is particularly useful for items which St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill or Value Village generally does not accept, such as paint or plants. However, all kinds of items are posted, including fresh fruit at this time of year. Items which I've received for free include a food dryer, fresh fruit, and a murder mystery game.

Another source for free items is www.craigslist.com. Select "US" and then "Eugene". In the middle of the screen is "free". Peruse the list or type in the name of what you'd like to acquire – you choose which heading to review. I've bought and sold items and rented vacation homes using craigslist. I love it! And it's totally free to both buyers and sellers!

Cycling to Summer Camp

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date had expired) and I bought more in Horseshoe Bend. I feel good now, and although I haven't eaten much—even though I know I need to—dinner is actually sounding good. As the scenery just kept getting better and better, the rest of the day erased my personal chagrin and discomfort. This has to be one of the most beautiful riding days of the trip. We are following the majestic canyon of the Payette with the river below us. One advantage of bicycles is the constant and intimate views of rapids and rafters. We stopped by the river around noon and took a swim in the cold, clear water, sunning ourselves on the warm rocks afterwards. And things just keep getting better. The campsite this evening is across the road from hot springs by the river and we just got back from swimming again.

Day 9, July 14, 2008, Mountain Village Resort, Stanley, Idaho. Distance today 48.64 miles. Total distance 483.98 miles.

Today was the big climb up to Banner Summit, the longest climb of the trip. We got an early start after a relax-

ing evening soaking in the hot springs at Bonneville Camp. We were smart to do some of the climb yesterday instead of camping lower. It took us about three and a half hours of climbing to reach the pass at 7200 feet, the elevation high point of the trip (the low point was crossing the Snake River at Ontario). The big climbs are now over. My bowels feel good and I'm cautiously optimistic that I'm OK. Our total elevation gain today was 3050 feet and it will feel good to put my head on a real pillow and sleep in a real bed tonight.

Day 10, July 15, 2008, Lakeview Campground at Stanley Lake. Distance today 8.98 miles.

Juli, Wayne and I are definitely in vacation mode now. Realizing that we will make it to Summer Camp early, we have slowed down to enjoy the summer weather, the scenery, and the numerous hot springs that seem to be everywhere. After an awesome breakfast and the best coffee of the trip at the bakery in Stanley this morning, we biked out to Stanley Lake, only nine miles away. What a setting! Mt. McGowen and the Sawtooths dominate

the skyline above the lake. We have our own private beach. On a walk up the lake, we came on a whole field of wild onions and have harvested some to add to our dinner. Life is good.

Day 11, July 16, 2008, Bonanza CCC Camp on the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River. Distance today 38.79 miles. Total for the trip 524.45 miles.

What a great trip. We made the last leg of the trip to Camp Hamilton with stops at all three of the hot springs along the road up the Yankee Fork. The last six miles were dirt road. The group campground seems immense and empty, and it is so quiet. I know this will change tomorrow when the truck arrives.

There is a wildness about this area and I can't wait to start exploring. As I write, we can hear wolves howling and they are not far away. I've heard hundreds of coyotes and these are NOT coyotes. What an incredible welcome. Wow! We celebrated the end of a fantastic trip with warm beer, a great dinner, and a dessert of "s'mores" around the campfire. This has been a wonderful ride with two wonderful people. Juli and Wayne, I hope you know how much I enjoyed this bicycle trip with you!

First Impressions

By Kris Wolters, a first time Summer Camper

THIS SUMMER WAS MY FIRST Obsidian summer camp and my first impression was, “This is five-star camping.” Since I have returned to my life in Corvallis, I continue to ask myself, “Why did I wait so many years to attend camp?” I was an Obsidian member in the 1970’s and did many great climbs which ended when I was tortured by tendinitis coming off Mt. Jefferson, my last mountain climb. This year my husband John and I were ready for a new adventure and summer camp sounded like the perfect vacation. I did have a few concerns about camping with 50 people, bad weather and bugs, but my fears vanished the moment we arrived at camp. I knew this was going to be a great week.

Prior to leaving I read the handy yellow handbook to prepare for the trip and made some calls to my camp buddy, Janet Jacobsen. She was a lifesaver. My husband and I purchased new boots, a set of walking poles, which eliminated the stress on our knees and provided additional security with our balance, plus a solar shower, which was a luxury after a day of hiking. Technology is always improving in the camping department. We were happy to already have our huge tent and sleeping gear from past family camping trips, so I thought we were set for the week. I did throw in a roll of duct tape, just in case.

We packed the van and headed off for Idaho via the scenic route. We spent the first night at the Best Western in Ontario and then headed for Stanley to spend the night and enjoy the Mama Mia Arts and Crafts Festival. I thought Stanley was going to be my last hot shower, but I was wrong. Solar showers are hot, plus at Camp Hamilton I was able to stand outside and chat with other campers in the privacy of my stall. The camp showering facility was a well designed unit with hooks, buckets, Velcro closures and a soap caddy.

On Saturday morning we drove the 21 miles to the Bonanza Historical CCC Campground and received a warm welcome from Beth Kodama. We picked up our name tags, which were a great resource for learning names and keeping track of our jobs. I was in shock! All of the work that had occurred prior to our arrival to set up this amazing camping



Kris and her husband John, after their hike (and soaking) at Sawtooth Lake.

village was beyond my expectations. The location was outstanding. It was an ideal spot for a large group and it had running water. The covered eating area filled with long picnic tables was surrounded by ditty bags holding our utensils. I know that some muscle was involved in moving the tables and setting up all the poles and tarps. The early arrival crew did a magnificent job. The impressive, well designed kitchen could win an award in *Sunset* magazine. The imaginative camp fire spot, ‘Mr. Clean’ outhouses, hand washing tables everywhere

and the bulletin board made me feel like I was at an outdoor five-star campsite. I was a happy camper.

After a quick tour with Janet, my husband and I set up our trusty two door dome tent. Yes, we did struggle with the poles and the stakes, accepted some advice from the local experts and finally had our sleeping accommodations ready for the week. We put in our pads, sleeping bags, extra blankets, long underwear, hats, and flashlights. I did prepare for cold weather, since I do not like to be cold. When I went to unzip the bug screen on one side, the screen ripped away from the seam, letting the friendly, jumbo horseflies invade our tent. Again, after consulting with the camp boss, we pulled out the duct tape for reinforcement. The first attempt held for about 5 minutes and another pow-wow was held to brainstorm other solutions. The second attempt included newspaper and more duct tape. Now we were able to have ventilation and keep out the flies. This complication proved to be a great time to meet people because other campers came around to watch the repair work and render opinions. According to John Jacobsen we now had a “REAL Obsidian tent.”

The bell rang and we were off to a wonderful dinner and social affair. Dinner was followed by the camp fire where we learned about the schedule and daily routines. That first day was the beginning of many new friendships and exciting adventures. We were in our tent by dark because I knew the 6:15 AM chime was going to be early for me.

Sunday was filled with unexpected events. In the morning my husband was up early for his morning dish duty. I

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asked him to leave the car keys, which he could not find in his pockets, so he dashed off and I proceeded to scramble around the tent looking for them. Oh no! Out of my morning fog I remembered getting up during the night to find something in the car. I bundled up to brave the cool morning air, dashed out to our car and there were my keys sitting on the seat. Is that called a 'senior moment'? A few skilled Obsidian members attempted the coat hanger method, but we were locked out. My buddy, Janet, volunteered to take me into Stanley, so I could contact AAA for some mechanical assistance. There we waited for the tow truck, so the driver could follow us to the campground. After a \$345 fee we had our keys and started preparing for the second adventure of the day.

While I was in Stanley, an unfortunate event occurred back at the campground. The other door to our tent ripped away from the seam. Unfortunately, this could not be repaired, so John and I headed back to Stanley. I was becoming very familiar with that drive. Fortunately, the camping store in Stanley had rental tents and we did not have to drive to Ketchum. We returned to the campground, dismantled our 'trusty' tent and put up our little rental tent. We were happy campers in our rental that had reliable zippers and a rain fly. We even arrived back at camp in time for dinner and more socializing plus some great presentations about all the great hikes of the day. We signed up for first Fourth of July Lake hike and were off to sleep by 9 pm. I was starting to enjoy the early to bed, early to rise routine.

The mornings were splendid. I would bundle up in all of my warm clothes and head out to the eating area. The first few days I arrived about 7AM to make my lunch and would see everyone standing around talking quietly, holding their mugs and sipping coffee or tea. It was very calm, focused and organized. The supervisors helped the newcomers learn the routines and some generous souls volunteered to help out, so we could be on the trail in good time. The routine was to make your lunch, fix your hot drink, eat your yummy breakfast, but to not linger too long, since the hikes typically left by 8:15 or 8:30 AM. A few of the longer hikes left earlier. Although I did want to stay in my cozy sleeping bag longer, I appreciated the early wake-up because the earlier part of the day was great for hiking and allowed us time to get back to camp and relax before dinner. Plus, I enjoyed

taking a shower before the cool evening temperature shift.

I did learn a few things after sleeping past 6:30 a few times. If you choose to sleep late the M & M's will be gone for your snack. But while you might not have all the selections that the first come first served received, everything was always fresh, balanced and neatly arranged. Another thought I want to offer is if you are concerned that the hiking will be too much for you and you want some time to read and relax in a beautiful setting you can volunteer to be the camp host for the day. Personally, I appreciated my two choices for the day. What am I going to fix for lunch and what hike am I going to do? The lunches at camp had far more variety than what I typically prepare for myself at home plus a variety of snacks. I was always delighted with the options.



Summer Camp excitement - on the way to Sawtooth Lake. John and Kris are watching the action from the far side. Photo by Jim Pierce

The hikes I went on were outstanding. They had beautiful flowers, serene lakes, breathtaking landscapes, enthusiastic hikers, fun conversations, minimal bugs, torrential downpours, lightning, thunder, hail and a follow up with sunshine. What more could I ask for on a hike!

Another highlight was the kayaking and rafting trip. Although the water was muddy due to the rain, we were provided with wet suits to stay warm and the sun was shining and the scenery breathtaking.

I must include my impressions about the meals and the cooks. They were incredible. When was the last time you prepared portabella mushrooms, curry or banana flambeau? Along with their culinary skills Scott and Mandy were lots of fun. It was far superior to what I would have been preparing if I had to do my own cooking. Spaghetti, hot dogs and s'mores would have been my menu. "Hurray" to the cooks.

I enjoyed the evening reports and the opportunity to hear about the adventures of other hikers. Also, Janet Jacobson organized some plays about the area and short skits that were very entertaining and provided an opportunity for the theater members to shine.

I realize we were very lucky to have such great weather, but the logistics of everything else required months of preparation and organization. Many thanks to all of you who managed all the details. Three cheers to John Jacobsen, the camp boss, and the summer camp committee members. Your planning and organization helped to create a healthy, welcoming environment and set the stage for everyone to work together and have a great time.

John and I are looking forward to many more summer camp adventures.

English Walking Holiday

By Pat Soussan

ARE YOU INTERESTED in a walking holiday? I recently returned from a three-day trip where I enjoyed various levels of walks in a national park, was served delicious and substantial meals, had comfortable lodgings, and enjoyed all this at a reasonable cost. You are probably thinking ... there must be a catch. Yes, you have to travel 5,000 miles to England.

While in England this June my sister and I took a three day "country house escape" with the HF Holidays walking tours company. We stayed at their 19th century country house in Malhamdale, in the southern part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, for three

nights to walk in the Yorkshire Dales. We drove north up the M1 and exited the fast pace of the motorway just north of Leeds. Very quickly we felt ourselves relax as the roads became narrower, traffic became lighter, and small market towns invited us to stop awhile.

Between towns the dry stone walls created patterns on the rolling hills while keeping the sheep and cattle in their allotted fields. We soon arrived at Newfield Hall and were warmly welcomed and shown to our room, which was comfortable although not luxurious. There are no TVs or telephones in the rooms, but one of the three lounges had a TV and computer for Internet use. We selected our dinner from an extensive menu (Starter, Main Course, and Sweets) and before joining the other guests in the bar, took a

short walk around the grounds and adjoining fields. Our first meal was excellent – with a main course of roast lamb. We remarked that we felt a little guilty eating lamb after admiring them frolicking/cavorting in the fields on our walk and we were told by the hostess, "That's

Medium(7 to 10 miles with up to 1,325ft. gain), and Harder(10-14 miles with up to 2,300 ft. gain) over high moorland to rugged summits. My sister and I chose to do self-guided walks as we had a short stay. Most guests stay for seven nights. Our first day's walk of approximately

eight miles included a small waterfall plus views of both a rocky gorge called Gordale Scar and of Malham Tarn. We ate our lunch on a limestone pavement atop the huge natural amphitheatre of Malham Cove that was formed by glaciers. The second day's hike began through fields of sheep and cattle, climbing slowly up to heather covered moors (not blooming in June) with views



what they are there for". There was a full English breakfast as well as cereal, yogurt, and fruit. After breakfast, you pack yourself a lunch from a wide choice of items. Our country house also provided afternoon tea with scones, cream and strawberry jam. Everything is included except drinks from the bar. The cost for seven nights was 579 pounds (approximately \$150 per night at the current exchange rate). The cost for three nights was 215 pounds. There is no supplement for a single room. Also included is transportation to and from the trail heads. A few of the guests traveled by train and HF Holidays arranged a taxi for them.

Volunteer leaders offer a choice of two or three walks a day, each with different levels of difficulty. They range from Easy(6 to 7 miles with up to 950 ft. gain),

of Wharfedale. We dropped down to the River Wharfe and walked along its banks and through the narrow confines of The Strid, ending at the historic ruins of the Bolton Abbey priory. We were fortunate with the weather as the only downpour we experienced was just as we approached a teashop – a good excuse to stop for tea and scones.

Other attractions of the immediate area include castles, gardens, pubs, caves, steam train trips, part of the 268-mile long Pennine Way National Trail, quaint villages and market towns. The web site for HF Holidays is <http://www.hfholidays.co.uk/>. In addition to many locations in Great Britain, they also arrange walking holidays worldwide. I have a copy of their brochure and would be happy to loan it to any Obsidian interested in looking through it.

How Many Obsidians Does It Take...?

By Janet Jacobsen

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING on October 10th, club members will receive 100, 200 and 300-trip patches, 25, 50 and 100-leader patches, "Compleat Obsidian" and "Ten Peak" patches. Congratulations!

Consider however, that it takes more than the hiker's worn out boots to get trips planned, recorded and counted for these awards.

Here are a few of the steps that take place before that patch is awarded.

1. The President recruits committee chairs for summer, winter, climbs, bus, and trail maintenance trips.
2. Committee chairs recruit volunteers for their committees.
3. Committee volunteers recruit potential leaders.
4. The leader selects the trip(s) to do.
5. The webmaster puts the trip on the website calendar.

6. Volunteers print the sign up sheets and materials for leader packets.
7. Volunteer notifies the *Register Guard* and *Eugene Weekly* each week to recruit trip participants.
8. Leader posts the sign up sheet at Y.
9. Leader picks up sign up sheet, answers phone calls, and leads the trip.
10. Leader submits online trip report and mails in the sign up sheet and a check for trip fees.
11. Volunteer picks up mail at post office, records money and number of participants for monthly board meeting report.
12. Committee chair approves the online trip report.
13. Webmaster posts the trip report on website.
14. Historian prints out the trip report and records each participant's trip in log book.
15. Volunteer gives the sign up sheets

to Historian for safe keeping.

16. Historian and two volunteers count each member's trips for trip and leader patches
17. Volunteer orders more patches.
18. Patches awarded at annual meeting
19. Webmaster updates the online trip and leader logs at end of year.

Many Obsidians help with the flow of trips but it is the Webmaster, **Wayne Deeter**, who holds everything together until the last step when the Historian takes a pencil and records each member's trip in the log book.

Historian **Lenore McManigal** has been recording trips since 1992. She has a spare bedroom devoted to log books, membership application notebooks, inactive member log books, deceased log books, sign up sheets and more. She has attended many board meetings to give her monthly historian report, "All reports are recorded and up to date."

California Dreamin'

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than South Sister). The trail is 2.5 miles to the top, so it is steeper and rougher than Pisgah

Lassen Peak is a volcano, a new volcano, formed about 11,000 years ago. The last eruptions were in May of 1915, the largest volcanic eruptions in the lower 48 states in recorded history until the Mount St. Helens eruption. All this lava is new and rough.

After hiking just a few steps the thin air was quite apparent despite our acclimation day. The pace was strong and steady with frequent stops to admire views, read informational plaques, take pictures and observe flora and fauna. Note that these pauses are part of the journey and are not rest stops. The rugged mountain hemlocks accompanied us to 9400 feet and the white bark pines for another 500 feet. Flowers, squirrels, grasshoppers and a huge butterfly hatch were with us to the summit crater, along with several birds (chickadees, ravens, Clarke's nutcrackers and a white bellied raptor).

It took about two hours to reach the crater and another 15 minutes to scramble up the 100-foot summit pinnacle on talus and scree. This black dacite is the youngest rock in California. Our 360° summit views were hazy from the recent fires, but we could see the Trinity Alps, towering Mount Shasta and its companion, Black Butte. After a leisurely lunch on top, the descent took about 1.5 hours so we were down just after 1:00 PM. Congratulations to all fourteen successful ascenders!

Saturday's hike was the cinder cone at the remote northeast corner of Lassen Park. The trail starts at Butte Lake and we traveled along the Noble's Emigrant Trail from the 1850's. The trail is dry lava sand, so walking was tiring. We took 35 minutes to hike the 1.2 miles through the towering forest of fire-scorched Jeffery pines that lie beside the lava flow. After an extended water and shade break we trudged up the scree flank of the cinder cone. The final 400-foot climb took about 20 minutes to the crater rim. The cinder cone has a perfect double crater (a crater within a crater). The cinder cone is

only 350 years old, so not too much grows there yet. Several adventurers screeed down the 150-foot inner crater for that special, confined, spiritual experience. We gathered for a windy lunch at the top of the outer rim. The distant view of Lassen Peak was particularly rewarding since we were there just the day before. There were also close views of the painted dunes, the rough lava flows, and the two lakes formed by the lava flow. After the descent and hike out, almost everyone found a lake to swim in.

That evening the trip leader, Jim Pierce, was awarded the Junior Fire-fighter Badge by Richard Hughes for showing exemplary courage in dousing a potential forest fire which would have endangered numerous rabid squirrels. Additionally, Janet Jacobsen gave Jim a nifty Tupperware scabbard for his paring knife to fend off potential culinary accidents. And finally Barb Revere gave Jim a lucky horseshoe for his next trip to be as lucky as this one.

Sunday we were all packed and gone by 9:00 AM. It was difficult to leave this paradise.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Clear Lake **August 9, 2008**

Leader: Jennifer Barnes
5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

WE GATHERED our large group in Springfield under misty skies and got under way about 9 am. As we started our hike, the clouds gathered and we were treated to a brief shower. We hiked at a fairly slow pace, stopping to admire the beautiful blue and turquoise waters of the lake as we went. By the time we reached our lunch spot at the lodge, it was clearing. We ate lunch, then made our way around the rest of the lake, enjoying the sunshine. We finished up about 2 pm and everyone agreed it was a good hike and went their separate ways. Members hiking were Jen Barnes, Nancy Whitfield, Virginia Rice and Karla Rusow. Nonmembers joining us were Duane Charters, Dan Cole, Pat and Bill Endicott, Robert Leppan, Peggy Dodds, Richie Haslag, Nate Thompson, Tiffany Cavin, Claire Beekman, and Kim Skukas.

Eddeeleo Lakes

August 26, 2008
Leader: Paul Flashenberg
9.2 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER HIKING IN THE HEAT nine days earlier, and then hiking in the cold and rain five days earlier, I and five others enjoyed a magnificent day in the Waldo Wilderness with temperatures starting in the 50's and climbing to the high 60's. The trail seemed to have undergone substantial erosion since last year but was still in good condition. We stopped to enjoy a view of the Sisters and then lunched at Upper Quinn Lake. We then journeyed on in search of the faint trail to Lower Eddeeleo Lake. We heard the outlet creek, but saw no signs of the trail, so headed back and stopped for another short break at Long Lake. Thanks to Smitty for keeping up with my rather fast pace and for several others for finding the trail when my internal compass went astray. Members: Carol Armstrong, Walt Dolliver, Paul Flashenberg, Joanne Ledet and Lamonte Smith; nonmembers: Robert Leppan.

Scott Mountain **August 27, 2008** **Leader: Jim Clarkson** **9.5 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)**

AFTER DELAYING THE TRIP for seven days due to inclement weather, and with no additional hikers signing on for the trip, three of us departed for Maxwell Butte (Dick Hildreth, Melody and Jim Clarkson). We left Eugene with windshield wipers pulsing and with promises from the weather bureau for clearing conditions—they were wrong. Since Highway 242 was open, we decided Scott Mountain might be a better choice. The mosquitoes also approved of our decision and were gleefully airborne when we arrived. The trip to the top was pleasant, though the blow downs from last winter required some acrobatic maneuvers. For lunch we found refuge from the cutting wind and swirling fog by facing southeast, looking directly at the magnificent Three Sisters, except our visibility was limited to 150 feet. To return we decided to take the longer but less traveled trail via Hand Lake. The overgrown huckleberry plants, eager to offload their excess moisture, soaked our pant legs and socks. Our toes gargled their displeasure, but by the time we began walking along the lava flow, and through the beautiful meadows around Hand Lake, the clouds parted and presented us with a magnificent view of the Three Sisters. Members: Jim Clarkson, Melody Clarkson and Dick Hildreth.

Lillian Falls/Klov Dahl Bay **August 28, 2008**

Leader: Stewart Hoeg
7.6 miles, 2,200 ft. (Difficult)

FOUR EAGER HIKERS met at South Eugene High School at 8 am under crystal-clear skies. We got off right on time and had an uneventful ride to the trailhead. It was 10 am and about 52 degrees when we headed up the trail. It didn't take us too long to find signs that the trail hadn't been maintained recently. On our way to the falls, we encountered several downed trees of various magnitudes. However, the group made good time in getting to Lillian Falls. As usual, the falls didn't disappoint. We arrived early enough to beat the sun from coming over the treetops, so the water was evenly lit and spectacular as it wound its way via

various paths through its moss-stewn environment before continuing a more leisurely pace down Black Creek. After 10 minutes soaking up the view, we headed back up the trail and continued to encounter regular tree fall. When we got to the first of two stream crossings on the way to Waldo Lake, we also found that slightly elevated water levels had submerged some of the usual rock stepping stones. After crossing successfully, we encountered more blow-down on our way to the second stream crossing. This crossing also was more challenging due to high water, but again we met with success. We finally made the shores of Waldo Lake just before noon. The lake was spectacular, the temperature was perfect and the mosquitoes were absent. We all enjoyed the solitude as we ate our lunch. After lunch we were all thankful that we had 2,200 feet of elevation loss to help us on our way home. We again completed our stream crossings with no falls (but a few unintended splashes). Everyone enjoyed the hike immensely, but were ready for the drive back through Oakridge (with a required Dairy Queen stop) before heading back to Eugene. Hikers included members Stewart Hoeg, Sachiko Iwasaki, Lamonte Smith and Sue Wolling.

Heceta Head/Washburne **August 28, 2008** **Leader: Sandra Larsen** **6.5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)**

FOUR MEMBERS LEFT Eugene to meet the leader at Carl Washburne Park. We started south, down the beach, under clear blue skies and no wind. One person had not done this trip before, so it is always fun to lead it for a newcomer. We came to the Hobbit Trail and didn't see any Hobbits. Continuing on to the lighthouse we stopped for the views and then ate lunch at the lighthouse. Some people found a sunny spot and others looked for shade. After lunch and a little rest we were energized to continue back the steep ups and downs for our return. We completed our hike by crossing Highway 101 and returning to the cars via the China Creek Trail through the campgrounds. We had a day of good weather, good conversation and good company. Members: Sandra Larsen, Kathy Lindstrom, Sue Meyers, Pat Sounson and Marian West.

Shasta Loops/Blackberries

August 29, 2008

Leader: Marshall Kandell

4 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

A COUPLE OF WEEKS earlier the berries weren't ready. A week ago, they were. This week, the berries were crying for people to pick them and we were only able to muster a group of five, one of whom came for the hike, not the berries! In past years, we've had at least 15 participants on this activity. Perhaps the Labor Day weekend siphoned off our prospects. Weather was perfect for hiking, cool and overcast to begin with, turning sunny as we reached the berries. Squirrels and deer (including a fawn) greeted us on the upper North Shasta Loop portion of the hike. Coming up South Shasta Loop was a challenge, but we all made it just fine...then detoured at Spring to see the new information board put up for Olympic Trials visitors at the Ridgeline Trailhead. First timers in this area of the city are always awestruck at seeing the mansions (unfortunately, no one invited us in for a look-see). Hitting the gravel road, we passed the vineyard, which must be in its fourth or fifth year now and should start yielding crops next year. As for the berries, we all got our limits (as much as our containers could hold) and went off licking our red, sticky, sweet fingers. On the hike were members Ann-Marie Askew, Dick Hildreth, Marshall Kandell and Ann and Ed Lichtenstein.

Tamolitch Dry Falls

August 30, 2008

Leader: Doug Nelson

4.2 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THOUGH THE WEATHER forecast called for clouds, cool temperatures and a chance of showers, Saturday turned out to be a fine day for a hike on the upper McKenzie. The easy hike to Tamolitch Dry Falls is a good choice for children or others seeking a very pleasant, but not too demanding, walk through old growth woods with a fine destination/lunch spot. This "family hike" was planned with the encouragement of the Youth Committee as we hope to attract more participation from children and young people. I invited my daughter, son-in-law and grandson to come along for their first Obsidian outing. We were joined by member Lamonte Smith and his daughter and granddaughter. We had a fine day. Tamolitch Dry Falls is a truly satisfying hike. The trail

by the river and up through the old moss-covered lava is very pretty and the pool where the McKenzie springs up from underground is absolutely beautiful. I enjoyed sharing the hike with my family and getting to know "Smitty" and his.

We took our time on the trail, letting our youngest hiker (Eli, age 5) set the pace for most of the walk to the pool. That gave us ample time for photos and conversation. We enjoyed our lunch on the overlook above the pool with numerous other hikers and mountain bikers. After lunch some of us scrambled down the canyon to stand at the water's edge, where we spotted trout and watched the flowing strands of lichen undulate in the clear cold water. Tanya is not a member, but I thought she showed some of the true Obsidian spirit when she jumped from the rocks into the pool. BRRRR! She didn't stay in long, but I was impressed! After spending our time at the spring we hiked back to the cars. There was a bit more traffic on this popular section of trail in the afternoon, including a number of mountain bikers. I enjoyed watching their skill as some of them negotiated some of the rougher sections of the trail. Thanks to my family and to Smitty and his for joining me on the walk. It was a nice group and a very pleasant day, and a good chance to form new friendships and enjoy the company of young people as they explored the beauty and fun of being in the great outdoors. Hikers included members: Doug Nelson and Lamonte Smith; nonmembers: Jasmine Leany, Tanya Smith, Elijah Westing, Geoff Westing and Julia Westing.

Gwynn Creek

September 6, 2008

Leader: Jennifer Baer

6.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE OBSIDIANS VENTURED to the coast under sunny skies. Our pretrip activity consisted of indulging in muffins and brownies. We marveled at the old growth Sitka Spruce and clusters of pine drops during the hike. On the descent, this well-marked trail offers the murmur of the creek. For lunch we detoured to the beach and then resumed on the trail (an old wagon road) that parallels the ocean for the last mile before returning to the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center parking lot. After the hike, we enjoyed lemonade with ocean views at the Jama Cabin in

Yachats (future site of Obsidian outings). Members: Jennifer Baer, Ed Lichtenstein, Jim Pierce, Susan Sanazaro and Lamonte Smith.

Opie Dilldock

September 7, 2008

Leader: Richard Romm

14 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS 85 DEGREES in the valley, and clearly summer weather. However, fall had arrived in the mountains, and we had a crisp, windy, cloudless, PERFECT day. We had beautiful views to the north of the entire Cascades, with Mt. Hood visible in the distance. We lunched at Collier Glacier View, with a dead-on view, of what clearly is a receding glacier. I only regret that Laurie Funkhouser and Allan Coons weren't there. They have made several trips on this beautiful hike in bad weather and have been regaled with stories of how beautiful it would be if they could see anything. Members: Denise Butler, Jim Fritz, Dick Hildreth, Daphne James, Jim Pierce, Richard Romm and Ron Swisher; nonmembers: Deb Brewer, Chris Molly and Tim Swallen.

Santiam Wagon Road

September 10, 2008

Leader: Pat Hutchins

8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

YET ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL late summer day greeted our hardy group of seven. We headed up the South Santiam River after taking the scenic route through Marcola and Cawfordsville and Sweet Home. As we had two cars-full, we were able to leave one car at the Mountain House and start our trip through history from the Sevenmile trailhead, AND WALK DOWNHILL FOR SEVEN MILES! More than half this hike was over the old roadbed of the Santiam Wagon Road. This travel-way was the primary transportation route between the central valley and eastern Oregon from the 1850's until the construction of Highway 20 in the late 1920's and 30's. This road was driven in 1905 by the first cars to cross the continent on their own power. The first three miles were in the old Seven Mile fire, which burned the entire upper drainage in 1911. We came out of the old fire and into huge Douglas fir and hemlock, around the House Rock Campground. We had some lunch in the sun on a gravel bar on the South Santiam River. We

made a slight side trip to see House Rock Falls which were not too exciting and then back on the old road and down the stream to the Mountain House trailhead. It was a nice day with a great crew. Members: Paul Flashenberg, Kitson Graham, Pat Hutchins and Lamonte Smith; nonmembers: Jim Gillings, Kate Herse and Lori Humphreys.

Rexius Trail **September 11, 2008** **Leader: Marshall Kandell** **4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)**

THIS FIRST OF THREE Thursday morning Rexius Trail hikes in September drew six sign-ups, but yielded only four hikers. We had perfect weather on a low impact, well-maintained trail up one side of Amazon Creek and down the other, with a nutritional pay-off at Hideaway Bakery. Hikers were members Marshall Kandell, Lou Maenz, Mary Morrison and Jim Pierce.

Trestle Creek Falls **September 13, 2008** **Leader: Karla Rusow** **5.5 miles, 900 ft. (Easy)**

AFTER CANCELLATIONS and last-minute add-ons, a trio of ladies made their way to the Lund Park trailhead to start our hike of Upper Brice Creek and Trestle Creek Falls. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and Brice Creek was beautiful as always. We began the climb up to the falls after the first 1 1/2 miles of trail and climbed steadily until we reached Trestle Creek. There was still a pretty steady stream of water coming over and we sat there and ate while admiring the falls. We then set off continuing the loop back to the Lund Creek Trail and down to our vehicle. We snacked there again and decided the hike was a success, decent workout and good company. We had gotten an early start, so we finished up early and were back at LCC by 2:00. Participants included member Karla Rusow and nonmembers Tiffany Cavin and Lisa Cunningham.

Sweet Creek **September 13, 2008** **Leader: Jim Pierce** **2.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

SWEET CREEK SUCCUMBED to the lure of the Eugene Celebration... everyone canceled. On this beautiful day, I enjoyed

the parade of a dozen dainty waterfalls alone. The lush forest was also filled with ferns, butterflies, deer and ouzels. I forgot my camera, so I have scheduled another Obsidian visit to Sweet Creek on October 2.

Mt. June/Mt. Hardesty **September 14, 2008** **Leader: Laurie Funkhouser** **9.6 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)**

LEAVING FROM SOUTH EUGENE parking lot at 8:00 under blue skies, we were able to reach the trailhead with careful reading of the directions and started hiking at 9:30. The first 1.2 miles reaches the top of Mt. June...an endless staircase up. The view should have been fantastic but due to several local fires, the air was filled with smoke. The traverse to Mt. Hardesty is under a canopy of tall fir trees...or should have been. A mis-read of trail signs resulted in a visit to "Hardesty Way" which certainly dipped and climbed! Mountain bikers provided a map and enlightenment of the trail mishap. The trip felt more than 9.6 miles and elevation of greater than 2,100. The crew took it in good spirits and had a great workout! Thanks to the great crew of members Jim Pierce, Charlie Van Deusen, Becky Lipton and Laurie Funkhouser, and nonmember Chris Molly.

Fuji Mountain **September 14, 2008** **Leader: Rod Wood** **3 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)**

THE THREE OF US MET at the Oakridge Dairy Queen and transferred the packs to Rod's car for the trip up a gravel road to the trailhead. On the way up we had a good view of the scarred mountainside across the valley where a large landslide had wiped out the Union Pacific tracks last winter. Along the trail mountain huckleberries were in profusion and we stopped several times to help ourselves to nature's bounty.

On top, the temperature was pleasantly cool and insects were not a problem. Disappointingly, the advertised view of Cascade peaks was blocked by a dense haze although we could make out the tops of Mt. Bachelor and South Sister. There were four sailboats in a row on Waldo Lake in front of us, and the sur-

rounding peaks of Mt. Ray, The Twins, and Maiden Peak were close by, and Diamond Peak behind us. On the way down we met an intrepid mountain biker on his way up, and we feasted again on huckleberries. We repaired to the DQ for post-hike snacks. Members Rod Wood (leader) and Joanne Ledet were joined by future member Jim Gillings.

Green Lakes via Fall Creek **September 14, 2008** **Leader: Daphne James/Elle Weaver** **8.8 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)**

IT WAS A WONDERFUL summer day, warm with blue skies, perfect for a hike in the Three Sisters Wilderness. We got an early start for the long drive up Cascade Lakes Highway. The Green Lakes Trail winds along Fall Creek and has many fabulous views of waterfalls as well as interesting lava formations. We arrived at the larger of the Green Lakes and spent a leisurely lunch overlooking the lake with closeup views of South Sister and Broken Top. Chris ventured into the frigid water for a dip. All in all, it was a classic Obsidian hike. Members: Carol Armstrong, Brad Bennett, Paul Flashenberg, Tom Gould, Daphne James, Nola Nelson and Elle Weaver; nonmembers: Carol Bennett, Dana Furgerson and Chris VanSteenbergen.

Rexius Trail **September 18, 2008** **Leader: Marshall Kandell** **4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)**

WELL, WE HAD FOUR last week on this jaunt and five this week...a 25% increase in hikers. Still getting no-shows, however. Despite the leader's expert assurances, one hiker hauled an umbrella along (ye of little faith!). It was overcast and cool as the change of seasons was becoming evident. Not a drop fell, however, and we completed the four-mile loop in an hour and a half. No one (except, perhaps, the leader) wanted to stop at the Hideaway Bakery for a nutritional pick-me-up, so we simply returned to our cars. Hikers were members Ann-Marie Askew, Myron Cook and Marshall Kandell; and nonmembers Moshe Rapport and James Walden (each about to complete his third hike).



Climbs

Mt. Thielsen

August 9, 2008

Leader: Mark Slipp

8 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

FIVE OF US LEFT SEHS parking lot at 5:00 am and arrived at the trail head by 8:00 am. We were hiking by 8:20 am: the air was cool and the sky blue, perfect for climbing. About two miles up the trail we came to a spot where the forest was leveled by a wind storm. For the next half mile all the trees were on the ground. The trail wound in and out around all the trees. In spots you could tell where they redirected the trail. We guessed it had to

be 100-mph winds to do that much damage. We continued on up the trail to the upper point of the climb just below the rock climb section where we put on our harnesses. About that time someone from above yelled ROCK! A HUGE rock came crashing down and went flying off the cliff on the south side of the mountain. We chose to stay where we were until the group above came down. We all made it to the summit by 2:00 pm, descended and drove back without incident. Climbers were nonmembers Marty Gangle, Kenny Marcus and Tom Spettel, and members George Baitenger and Mark Slipp.

Mt. Washington

August 30, 2008

Leader: Wayne Deeter

9 miles, 3,200 ft.

Rating: I-4

WE CLIMBED INTO THE CLOUDS. I set a

fixed line to the left on the second pitch where the rock is more solid than the junky gully I've used before that's on the right. All made it to the top. It started to clear as we were descending. By the time we reached the meadow we could finally see more than just a few feet in front of us. Oh well. Maybe we'll have better luck weatherwise next year. Members: Wayne Deeter, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Juli McGlinsky and Steve Still; nonmembers: David Adkins and Ahjah Boise.

Mt. McLoughlin

September 6, 2008

Leader: Brian Hamilton

11 miles, 3,910 ft.

Rating: Class 2

HITTING THE TRAIL at 4:45 am definitely had its advantages. We were able to stop for a break at a spot overlooking Four Mile and Klamath Lakes and watch

Gannet Peak ~ Highest Point in Wyoming

August 24-29, 2008 ~ Leader & Photo: Steve McManigal ~ 50 miles, 6,000 ft. (Difficult)

***Editor's Note:** The July Bulletin included an article about Steven McManigal's goal of climbing the highest peak in all 50 states. In August Steven attempted the tallest peak in Wyoming, Gannett Peak (13,804 feet). It's remote, requires a hike of at least 40 miles roundtrip and has an almost 9,000-foot vertical climb.*

AFTER AN EIGHTEEN HOUR drive from Seattle, two friends and I set up our tents and camped at the Elkhart Park trailhead near Pinedale, Wyoming. We started hiking early Monday morning. We ate our first lunch near Photographers Point (a Wind River Summer Camp destination) and made Seneca Lake by evening. The second day we hiked to Titcomb Basin and camped at one of climbers' campsites at the upper end of the basin at the base of Bonney Pass. There are several tent sites in the area where the campers have built rock walls for protection from the winds. The scenery was spectacular. We were surrounded by granite towers and water was flowing everywhere.

On the third day we woke up early to start our climb. We crossed Bonney Pass (12,600') to get our first look at Gannett Peak. Crossing Bonney Pass was labor intensive. There was no easy scrambling anywhere as we had to pick our way through unstable boulders the whole way. From Bonney Pass we dropped down about a 1000' onto Dinwoody Glacier and Gannett Peak. The winds were fairly intense; I was blown down a couple of times and struggled a bit. We found shelter from the winds between two large rocks, ate lunch and easily decided to call it a day. We turned around and headed back up Bonney



First view of Gannett Peak.

Pass to our camp site. We had some daylight so we packed up and hiked to Island Lake where we spent the night. On the fourth day we hiked out.

Even without the winds, we underestimated the difficulty and the length of the climb day. A lot of climbers use pack animal assist to make the 20+ mile hike less stressful and bivouac on Bonney Pass to gain a ½-day advantage. I'd estimate that climbing from Titcomb Lake Basin is a 20 hour day for a strong climber. All in all it was a nice 45-mile hike with a summit attempt thrown in. Climbers were Justin Johnson, Steve Johnson, and Steve McManigal.

a beautiful sunrise tinted red by the haze from forest fires. There was only a breath of wind and there were no bugs! At 8:55, we reached the summit, apparently before any other climbers that day. By that time it had warmed up from the 51 degrees when we started to almost 70. We spent an hour on the summit and even tried to fly a kite left there by a previous climber. To the north and west of us, the valleys below were filled with forest fire smoke. As we started our descent, we could see climbers on the ridge below, still a half hour from the summit. They turned out to be the first of over 115 other climbers we saw that morning, most of them asking us questions like "Did you go all the way to the top?" or "How much farther do we have to go?" We made it back to the trailhead almost exactly eight hours after starting. Enjoying a fun climb on a very pleasant day were Tom Easton on his qualifying climb, Tom Spettle, awaiting approval of his membership application, and Obsidians Steve Still (assistant leader) and Brian Hamilton (leader).

Broken Top
September 13-14, 2008
Leader: Wayne Deeter
16 miles, 4,800 ft.
Rating: I-4

WHAT WITH THE WARM, wet late conditions, the skeeters are particularly persistent this year. And none of us thought to bring Deet! Oh well. They were only really bad within the first two miles of the trailhead. After setting up camp at the Broken Top spring and resting for a bit, we took a 3.5-mile tour counterclockwise around the large Green Lake. We were first on the mountain in the morning, starting our climb a bit after six and reaching the summit block by about 8:15. Sue belayed me up the NW corner of the block. As I neared the top I heard Lubos call out something like "end of rope!", so I slung a nearby boulder and tied the rope to it. Kirk chose to just watch as first Lubos, then Sue followed the rope up to the top. None of us wished to go back down the rib, so we untied the rope and descended the standard route--the ramp to the south. As I was packing gear back down below the block, I noticed a group of about half a dozen (Mazamas?) taking a weird route around the north side of the pinnacle, then up the east side. Huh? We were back in camp at about 11, and after lurching and resting a while longer,

hiked back to the car. Per Sue's suggestion, we stopped at the Elk Lake Lodge for ice cream. Climbers included members: Wayne Deeter, Lubos Hubata-Vacek and Sue Zeni; nonmembers: Kirk Hendrickson.



Byways
By Bus

Lake Chelan
September 2-6, 2008
Leader: Ben Jeffries

THE LEADER OF THIS TRIP was Ben Jeffries, with co-leaders Ewart Baldwin and Liz Reanier. September 2 through September 6, the bus group conducted their most extensive trip for 2008. Forty-three of us visited central and north central Washington. Some of this trip was near the locations of past summer camps and combined natural and man-made features. We were fortunate to have three family groups as riders: five Baldwins, four Hacks and three Beards. Again, this year the Hack contingency garnered recognition for the greatest travel distance from home to trip start. Two joined us from New York City, and one from the San Diego area. Two Baldwins are from the San Francisco area. Day one was a longer travel day, Eugene to Wenatchee, WA, with stops at Multnomah Falls and Toppenish, a town of 9,000 and 70 colorful murals. Day two began with a tour of the candy production factory of Liberty Orchards, maker of Applets and Cotlets. Next was a visit to Cashmere's Pioneer Village, a collection of twenty late-1800's original buildings and a very good county museum. We had two excellent guides, one a Native American, covering the area's tribal history. We moved east to the Bavarian town of Leavenworth for lunch. Later, we stopped at the Washington Apple Commission's Visitor Center for a film and talk emphasizing the importance of the region's apple and other crops. The area is the largest apple region in the world and produces 50% of all commercially grown U.S. apples. Our last stop was at Rocky Reach Dam. We were fortunate to again have an excellent guide who shared facility features and gave a presentation on electricity generation and distribution. Day three was highlighted by a seven-hour boat trip on dramatic Lake

Chelan and a two-hour layover in the small town of Stehekin, with 72 year-round residents. The lake, 50 miles long and 1 1/2 miles at its widest point, has almost vertical walls ranging up to 8,000 ft. The lake has a water depth of 1,486 ft. which, with the surrounding mountains, allows a claim of North America's deepest gorge. Most of our group took the tour of Stehekin and 312-ft. Rainbow Falls. Day four began with a stop at Winthrop, population 350, a theme town of old west mining, with false-front buildings, wooden sidewalks and old-fashioned street lamps. During our stop, it was also visited by a fairly large contingency of motorcycle riders. Many Obsidians recognize Winthrop from stops during summer camps. After Winthrop, we entered the North Cascade National Park, with its jagged peaks, deep and narrow valleys, water falls and over 300 glaciers. A number of stops were made to enjoy the spectacular views. After lunch, we visited Newhalem Ranger Visitor Center, where we heard a presentation concerning the area's wildlife and saw an excellent new film. The Visitor Center has been recently greatly improved. Day five, we visited the Port of Tacoma and had a very good tour with a step-on guide. The day's activities were concluded by a stop at Brown and Healy's outlet store. The riders had insisted on the opportunity to buy Almond Roca and other candies. We were back in Eugene at 6 pm. Members: Don Baldwin, Ewart Baldwin, Mari Baldwin, Neal Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Pat Bitner, Mary Coughill, Sharon Cutsforth, Rachele Fiszman, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Jeannette Forsman, Virginia Gilbreath, Bette Hack, Mary Ann Holser, Marjorie Jackson, Ben Jeffries, Pat Jeffries, Verna Kocken, Dot Leland, Kathy Madden, Ron Madden, Amy Maxwell, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Elizabeth Reanier, Nan Smith, Julie Snell, Janet Speelman, Richard Speelman, Grace Swanson, Bonnie Ward and Christy White. Nonmembers: Ron Baur, Sharon Clark, Fern Jacobson, Mary Reynoldson and Emil Smith.

Oktoberfest
September 11, 2008
Leader: Barbara Payne

BARBARA PAYNE WAS THE LEADER on this trip and Liz Reanier was the co-leader. We left Shopko parking lot at 8 am

and headed up I-5 for a fun-filled day. Our destination was Woodburn and the Monnier's Country Garden. They have over 1,300 varieties of fuchsias. If you like fuchsias, you should go check them out at the Country Garden.

Then it was off to the Oktoberfest in Mount Angel. There, we all went our own way with lots to see and lots to eat. With tired feet, we climbed on board the bus at 3 pm and headed for home. Our bus driver was Richard Patch. Members: Don Baldwin, Sharon Cutsforth, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, RoseMary Etter, Barbara Flanders, Dennis Flanders, Dora Harris, Kess Hottle, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Ben Jeffries, Verna Kochen, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Natalie Newlove, Barbara Payne, Don Payne, Virginia Prouty, Liz Reanier and Vera Woolley. Nonmembers: Gary Barber, Reno Del Grande, Connie Dooley, Jean Englund, Jackie Guistina, Barbara Hottle, Juanita Morris, Ruth Warnecki and Barbara Wilson.



Bike Trips

Brice Creek-Lund Park **August 24, 2008** **Leader: Joyce Sanders** **50 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate+)**

A BEAUTIFUL RIDE on a beautiful day! The Brice Creek area is one of the nicest areas and close to Eugene, too. Traffic was very light and shade trees made it cooler--what could be better? A great group of bicyclists made the trip go extremely well. Members: Bill Aspegren, Barb Bruns, Jim Clarkson, Walt Davis, Kitson Graham, Peter Graham, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Sam Houston, Royal Murdock, Sharon Ritchie and Joyce Sanders.

Bellfountain **September 13, 2008** **Leader: Sharon Ritchie** **41 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate+)**

WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY with sunshine, morning coolness, but significant headwinds while heading north from Junction City to Bellfountain, north of Monroe. We ate lunch at Bellfountain Park and then started the hill portion of the ride - several moderate hills followed by the big one, Coon Road. After that we

had great tailwinds on the return trip. My thanks to my small but hearty group for sharing this perfect "biking" day with me. This was Chris Hayward-Mayhew's third ride and she will soon be joining. Members were: Paul Garrick, Barb Bruns, Pam Morris, Darrell McBee and leader, Sharon Ritchie; nonmember Chris Hayward-Mayhew.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Litter Pickup **July 9, 2008** **Leader: Janet Jacobsen** **4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)**

WITH GLOVES AND SMALL trash bags, seven of us started up the Martin Trailhead to Spencer Butte. Most of the litter was found at the Fox Hollow parking lot and at the top of the Butte. Broken glass was the hardest to pick up. Back at our cars at 12:15, we pooled the trash into a larger bag for Joanne Ledet to dispose of. Jean Coberly volunteered to pick up litter at the Main Parking lot on a hike with friends the next day. This was the 2nd trip for Kristina Brooks and her teenage daughter, Victoria. We hope another litter pick up hike will be added to the schedule in August. Workers/hikers were: Carolyn Armstrong, Kristina Brooks, Victoria Brooks, Jean Coberly, Janet Jacobsen (leader), Joanne Ledet and Barb Revere.

Spencer Butte **September 3, 2008** **Leader: Matthew Bell** **2 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)**

JASON AND CHRISTER of Parks and Open Spaces met me (Matthew Bell) at the main Spencer Butte parking lot at 5:15. We waited until 5:30 in hopes that our work party would be joined by other Obsidians (in the mean time enjoyed some excellent Bene pizza the city provided). At 5:30 we headed up the trail carrying some rock bars, posthole diggers, and a fence rail so we could add another section of fencing to help route people to the top of the butte.

The first hole went in perfectly in a matter of several minutes. In contrast, the second hole was much slower as we had to chip our way down through a rotten stump that was buried under the trail. By just after 7 we had the section of fence completed. We were back to the parking lot by 7:30, and the end of our successful trail maintenance outing. Members: Matthew Bell.

Ridgeline Trail Litter Pickup **September 15, 2008** **Leader: Janet Jacobsen** **4 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)**

THIRTEEN OF US ARMED WITH BAGS and gloves began our litter pickup hike at the Fox Hollow parking lot. We picked up a small amount of trash but we had no way to gather glass, the evidence of numerous car cloutings. The two-mile hike in the forest took us to the Spencer Butte parking lot where we had our most chal-



September 15th Spencer Butte litter patrol. Photo by Jim Pierce

lenging work. Sometimes it seemed that most people must be smoking and drinking before they weave up to the summit. Lou Maenz was named Litter Lou when she dragged out trash from poison oak and other awkward spots.

If we could have had live music for our bending over endeavors, Bonnie suggested A Litter Day Music, a spin on Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusic. Back at our cars, Bonnie Richman had enough bottles to return for \$1.00. It was fun to have two newcomers to Eugene, Moshe Rapport and Jim Weldon. Moshe just moved from Hawaii and heard about our club at the Eugene Celebration. They had lots of questions and were impressed with the Ridgeline Trail System. We hope to see them on another hike. Jim asked "When is the next litter pick up?"

Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Pat Esch, Richard Esenberg, Margaret Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, Lou Maenz, Jim Pierce and Pat Soussan; nonmembers: Moshe Rapport and Jim Weldon.



Canoe/ Kayak

McKenzie River Paddle

September 15, 2008

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

FOUR KAYAKS and three tandem canoes paddled the McKenzie from Deerhorn

Boat Ramp to Hendricks Bridge in about 2 1/2 hours. It was an absolutely beautiful evening - warm temperatures, and the sun was an intense orange orb which created interesting reflections on the water. And the river presented a few unexpected challenges, primarily due to the leader's faulty memory. Sunset is early these days; it was twilight when we took off the river. Many thanks to Jim and Kathleen for driving the shuttle car. Sharing this adventure were members Pat Esch, Jim and Kathleen Floyd, and Lana Lindstrom and nonmembers Rob King, Gene Pierson, Lyn Dahlstrom, Jourdon and Julia Arenson, and David McClurg.



Baseball

Emerald's Baseball Game

August 20, 2008

Leader: Ed Lichtenstein

THIS WAS THE THIRD ANNUAL "Obsidian Night at the Ems." And maybe the last one? The event includes a barbeque dinner (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, veggie burgers, corn, beans, potato salad, watermelon, beer or soft drinks) and a ticket to the game. The episodic rain did not interfere with either the meal or the game, which was won by the home team. Attendance was smaller than the previous two years: 23 paid and

21 attended. The food was good and plentiful, the beer flowed and civic stadium is a great place to watch a baseball game; pity that it's likely to be torn down. Members: Pat Bitner, Wayne Cleall, Sharon Duncan, Laurie Funkhouser, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Sam Houston, Sandra Larsen, Ed Lichtenstein, John McManigal, Lenore McManigal, Virginia Prouty, Beth Roy and Christy White. Nonmembers: Keith Christenson, Brian Danaher, Jim Funkhouser, Peggy Funkhouser, Steve Graham, Zac Graham and Dan Kimble.



SciEd Tues Review

Wildfire Ecology

September 16, 2008

Reviewed By: Joella Ewing

TIM INGLESBEE of Fire Fighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology, the September SciEd presenter, noted the 1991 Warner Creek Burn near Oakridge and the 20-year old Yellowstone fire as prime examples of how mother nature can restore an area after "crown" (absolutely horrendous) wild fires - when left to her own devices. Slides portrayed a "fire mosaic," demonstrating how important old growth timber is in resisting the worst fires and

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At the Eugene Celebration

By Anne Dhu McLucas

THE OBSIDIANS WERE REPRESENTED at the Eugene Celebration this year with a brand-new, somewhat experimental booth set-up, utilizing a ready-made red 9 x 9 tent and a table with a photographic display (with several new photographs thanks to Sue Sullivan and others). The booth had approximately 250 visitors.

Helping to set up and take down the booth were Jim Gillette, Anne Dhu McLucas, Brian and Mary Hamilton, and Lana Lindstrom. Staffing the booth on Saturday and Sunday were Anne Bonine, Brenda Kame'enui, Rick Ahrens, Buzz and Cecil Blumm, Allan Coons, Laurie Funkhouser, Julie Dorland, Beth Roy, George and Diane Jeffcott, Jim and Sharon Duncan, Virginia Prouty, and Ann-Marie Askew. Our thanks to all of them!



Lodge & Grounds

Fall Cleanup
September 18, 2008
Report by Brian Hamilton

THE LODGE BUILDING AND GROUNDS Committees held a late summer work party at the Lodge between 4:00 and 7:00, Thursday evening, September 18. Although it was more work than party, there was plenty of socializing and everyone appeared to enjoy taking on various tasks. One crew worked outside, mowing, cutting trees and brush, cleaning roofs and gutters, sweeping walks, and tidying up the grounds. Another crew worked inside, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning the kitchen and rest rooms, washing walls, and getting the main hall ready for the Welcome Potluck.

We had a long list of items posted from which people could pick and choose which tasks suited their abilities and what they wanted to do. Some chose tasks both inside and outside the Lodge to get the best of both worlds! The work party was very informal: Volunteers could show up late or leave early. With plenty of enthusiastic help, we were able to complete all the items on the to-do list before our 3 hours were over. The work party wrapped up with some going home to shower off dust, grime, or possibly, poison oak and a few others continuing the “party” without the “work” at East 19th Street Café.

Very much appreciated Obsidian volunteers included Pat Adams, Shirley Cameron, Larry Dunlap, Shirley Froyd, Mary Hamilton, Sam Houston, Janet Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Effie Neth, Jim Pierce, John Jacobsen (Lodge Grounds Committee Chair), and Brian Hamilton (Lodge Building Committee Chair).

Janet mopping.



Jim spraying.



Effie and Sam scrubbing

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maintaining overall forest health and critical habitat for “critters”.

The untouched Kelsey Creek Old Growth Basin, totally surrounded by the 9,000 acre Warner Creek Burn, exemplifies how the ground moisture and thick bark of old growth can protect an entire

area. Other fire mosaic features include charred stands of younger trees that create a snag forest, singed trees that retain their brown branches and needles, tree plantations that burn to the ground, and clear cuts that leave nothing but eroded soil. Emerging new habitat patterns form quickly in the snag and singe areas to transform what some consider “dead

zones” into new “birth zones.” The “dead zone” theory fueled the rush to salvage logs at Warner Creek, but in 1996, President Clinton heeded the advice of environmental scientists and dedicated activists to remove Warner Creek from salvage logging plans. The current administration is trying to revive former salvage logging plans.

UPCOMING

Give Blood... Get Pizza!... Sucha Deal!

By Chris Stockdale

PLEASE JOIN CHRIS GORDON and other Obsidians on Tuesday evening, October 14, at Lane Memorial Blood Bank and donate a pint of blood. The blood bank is the only source of donated blood for our local hospitals and relies on members of the community to give on a regular basis. Since blood has a relatively short shelf life, the blood bank must collect a certain amount of blood every day in order to meet the needs of patients in area hospitals.

I know that Obsidians are a healthy bunch of people and can easily afford to give up a pint of blood. After all, within 56 days, you get it all back and can donate again! If you have any doubts about the life-saving qualities of blood, just ask Richard Hughes about his need for 13 units of red blood cells.

To be eligible to donate, you must be in good general health, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be at least 16 years old. Call if you have any questions about your eligibility.

Please call the blood bank at 484-9111 for an appointment between 4:30-6:30 at the donor center, 2211 Wilamette Street (right next to the Civic Stadium). I'll have pizza for you as well as our regular great cookies.



Chris Gordon, Obsidian and regular donor, giving.



Upcoming Bus Trip

Wildlife Safari & Fall Foliage

Date: Tuesday, October 21

Leader: Ray Jensen **Cost:** \$38 members, \$40 non

Send checks to: Mary Lee Cheadle

WE'LL BE VISITING Wildlife Safari in Winston, where you can view over 500 animals in their natural habitat, roaming freely. Our route will be through Lorane, Drain, and Yoncalla, arriving at Wildlife Safari at 10AM for our first 4.5-mile bus circuit with a step-on guide. There are always new changes here, including the new lion enclosure .

Lunch (your cost) will be at their new Smokin' Hippo restaurant with burgers, fries, BBQ sandwiches, and other good things. After a second drive through in early afternoon we will return via Lookingglass, Melrose, and Umpqua, with ice cream at Rice Hill.

Summer Camp 2009 Rumor Control



THE *BULLETIN* STAFF'S ace investigative reporters have been able to confirm from reliable sources that Summer Camp 2009 will in fact happen. The rumors swirling around that we might be going to Mt. Lassen in Northern California seem to be much more than just rumors and our sources tell us they are not, we repeat not, rumors at all.

Further we have learned that there will be two, five-day sessions: the first, Thursday July 23 - Tuesday July 28, and the second Tuesday July 28 - Sunday August 2. The likely campground location will be in Lassen National Park at the Lost Creek Group Campground. We understand this is a beautiful site with tall trees and easy access to the park's many hikes and other activities.

Watch upcoming *Bulletins* and our website for the latest information. We will continue to monitor this situation closely



Exploring Peru

IN THE SUMMER OF 2007, father/son Obsidian members Sam and Zane Miller spent six weeks exploring the rich outdoor diversity of Peru. Join them as they present a sample of images from their travels in the spectacular Cordillera Huayhuash mountains, the rugged Ollantaytabo region near Machu Picchu, the Amazon jungle in Manu National Park, and Lake Titicaca, the largest lake in South America.



Barb's Sampler:

Last Chance for "Summer" Hikes!

Sun., Oct. 5 – Carl Lake – Hike, difficult. Laurie Funkhouser leads this trip to a small lake southeast of Mt Jefferson. Your skills and endurance will be rigorously tested, but you will travel through some fabulous scenery with close-up views of Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack and Cinder Cone Mt.

Same Day (Oct. 5) – Castle Rock – Hike, difficult. Offering great views of the McKenzie drainage and not very far from town, Castle Rock is one hike to keep in your repertoire, especially when entertaining out-of-town guests. Leader Allan Coons approaches the summit via King's Valley trail to give you a good workout and a beautiful day in the woods. The summit view is east into a lovely panorama of the Cascades.

Sat., Oct. 11 — McKenzie River Trail – Clear Lake Lodge to Trailbridge Reservoir – Hike, difficult. The writer is leading on this 10-mile trek on the Upper McKenzie River Trail. You'll hike one-way, starting at the higher elevation, hiking downhill for the rest of the day. Koosah and Sahalie Falls, as well as Tamolitch Dry Falls and pool, are some of the sights along the way. *Note: Jane Hackett leads a similar trip on Sun., Oct. 26.*

Sun., Oct. 12 – Duffy Lake – Hike, moderate. Your destination is a beautiful little lake near the Santiam Pass whose surface reflects Duffy Butte and Three Fingered Jack. There is a possibility of hiking an additional two miles to Mowich Lake. Both lakes are swimmable, but not for the faint of heart. *Note: One possible river ford at the Little Santiam River bisects the trail.*

Fri., Oct. 17 – West Eugene Wetlands – Hike, easy. This

three-miler is on flatland, on Eugene's western outskirts. It is an easy way to meet friends (feathered, or fleeced and Gortex-ed), get a bit of exercise and see some beautiful scenery. Join leader Chris Cunningham on this very close-to-town walk. Don't forget the binoculars and birding guides.

Sat., Oct. 18 – Fall Creek – Hike, moderate. Your trip covers 9 miles along Fall Creek (in the old Lowell Ranger District), so your drive to the trailhead will be comparatively short; the trail closely follows the creek, so visual reward is great. The route is mostly flat with one largish hill that you will polish off at the beginning. Ed Lichtenstein leads this trip which will be sure to become a favorite.

Sun., Oct. 19 – Cape Mountain – Hike, moderate. Just southeast of Devil's Elbow State Park, this hike is one of the prettiest on the coast. It's a green ferny forest trail with big spruce and mossy alder trees that cast deep shade.

Sun., Oct. 26 — HJ Andrews Lab/Lookout Cr. -- Conservation tour & hike, moderate. This is an educational trip at the HJ Andrews Laboratory. You will tour the labs where OSU/USDA scientists work and get a chance to learn about soils, mosses, ferns, lichens, shrubs and trees of an old-growth forest. A walk along Lookout Creek is also included. Brian Hamilton, architect and designer of the lab, will lead this enriching trip.

Sun., Nov. 9 – Eel Creek – Hike, moderate. In the Umpqua Dunes area, south of Florence, this trip follows varied terrain in dunes, beach, creek-side and coastal forest. Come dressed for all weather, but bring a pack to stuff – October is often fine weather along the coast.



Oregon Coast Range Ecology and Forest Policy

JOIN PHOTOGRAPHER JAMES JOHNSTON for a slide presentation that explores the wild heart of the Oregon Coast Range. The presentation is part visual art, part public policy analysis, and part forest ecology lesson. James will show stunning photography of the largest and most remote roadless area of the Coast Range. He'll explain the fascinating non-equilibrium ecology of coastal streams and old growth systems and discuss the critical role that Oregon's coastal rain forest plays in endangered species conservation and global carbon cycling.

FUTURE SCI-ED TUESDAY PROGRAMS

Nov. 18 - Chris Orsinger, Executive Director of the Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah, will speak on protecting and enhancing native ecosystems and compatible recreation in the Mt. Pisgah area.

Dec. 16 - Obsidians Lyndell Wilken, John Hegg and Sue Wollong will take us on some of their exciting bicycle expeditions.

Joella Ewing, SciEd Chair

Obsidian Calendar

October

- 11 Sat – **McKenzie River Trail, M**, Revere 726-4989
- 12 Sun – **Black Butte**, 3.8m 1600' **M**, J.Pierce 344-1775
- 12 Sun – **Duffy Lake**, 6.6m 800' **M**, B.Revere 726-4989
- 17 Fri – **W Eugene Wetlands, E**, C.Cunningham 344-0486
- 18 Sat – **Fall Creek**, 9m 700' **M**, E.Lichtenstein... 683-0688
- 18 Sat – **Hinman Winery, Bike 36m D**, Ritchie... 342-8435
- 19 Sun – **Cape Mountain, M**, Hutchins..... 746-4625
- 19 Sun – **McKenzie View, Bike, M**, G.Strahon.... 345-0720
- 21 Tue – **Fall Color**, Bus, M.Cheadle 689-1085
- 21 Tue – **Oregon Coast Range - Johnston**.....**SciEd Tues**
- 24 Fri – **Peru - Millers**.....**Potluck**
- 26 Sun – **UHJ Andrews Lab, M**, B.Hamilton 343-6550
- 26 Sun – **Upper McKenzie River, D**, J.Hackett... 984-0049
- 31 Fri – **Gillespie Butte, 3 m, E, C. Cunningham** . 344-0486

November

- 9 Sun – **Eel Creek, 6m M**, J.Hackett 984-0049
- 18 Tue – **Mt Pisgah - Orsinger** **SciEd Tues**
- 21 Fri – **Wild Grace: Nature's Path - Alan**.....**Potluck**

December

- 11 Thu – **Christmas Lights**, Bus, J.Speelman..... 344-3019
- 16 Tue – **Bicycle Expeditions**, Wilken..... **SciEd Tues**
- 21 Sun – **Tahkenitch Dunes, M**, B.Lipton..... 736-7498

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' UPCOMING

Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

Fall Fruits and Seeds Walk
Saturday, October 18, 2-4pm.

Enjoy the fall colors and learn about the great variety of fruits and seeds and their diverse dispersal mechanisms as well as adaptive strategies of plants for dealing with the coming of winter.

Scarecrow Contest

Sunday, October 26. Judging at 3pm.
Get creative, have some fun, and enter the Scarecrow Contest! It's a fun, friendly competition for all levels of artistry and experience. Build your scarecrow from any materials (except invasive plants), and set it up in the Arboretum's Scarecrow Alley

Mushroom Festival and Plant Sale
Sunday, October 26, 10am-4pm.

Don't miss our annual fall celebration of mushrooms and the harvest season, co-presented by Mount Pisgah Arboretum, the Cascade Mycological Society and Lane Community College. This event is one of the largest mushroom

displays on the West Coast, a huge plant sale, a scarecrow contest, children's activities, hayrides, craft vendors, incredible mushroom-inspired food, fresh cider, music, wine, and more!

Mushrooming on the Mountain
Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, 10am-4pm both days.

This intensive class for beginning 'shroomers offers instruction on identification, ecology, folklore and more!

Call Clare at 747-1504 or email mtpisgjp@efn.org for more information or to sign up. If you sign up by email or leave a phone message, please leave your phone number so Clare can call you back. Pre-registration and payment is required for all workshops. We cancel classes if we don't have enough registrations by Thursday before the class, so please call to sign up as soon as possible. Many classes fill quickly, so it's a good idea to reserve your spot now!

Green Island Planting

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9-1:00

Who: The McKenzie River Trust, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, REI and other partners and are looking for willing volunteers, like you!

What: A fun and educational day of planting around 10,000 trees (10 different species) on Green Island, an 1000+ acre property owned by the McKenzie River Trust. Snacks and beverages will be provided for everyone.

When: We will be there from 9am to pm. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m.

Where: The tree planting will take place on Green Island, just outside of Coburg. There will be signs on the Island, directing you to the planting area.

For questions and to RSVP, please contact Amanda at McKenzie River Trust by October 23 (the sooner the better!) aatkins@mckenzie river.org or call: 541.345.2799



Bumpass Hell in Lassen Volcanic National Park - See Story on Page 1 Photo by Jim Pierce

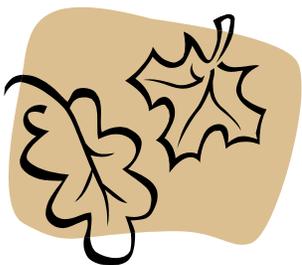


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