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May 3	Board Meeting
May 14	Mother's Day Breakfast
August 6–12	Summer Camp

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2023 Eugene Levy Invests in Our Environment

Jorry Rolfe, Co-chair of Conservation/SciEd and Stewardship Committees

IN EUGENE, YOU AND I BENEFIT GREATLY BY SPENDING TIME IN OUR CITY PARKS. Some of us know, and many observe, the dedicated city staff who work on our local trails and lead tree-planting and restoration projects. We appreciate our natural environment, and we love to hike safely with our friends and family. We also value a commitment to the future.



Obsidians at the Fox Hollow trailhead, one of the 150-plus annual Obsidian hikes on Eugene trails. Photo by Carla Cooper.

If you live in Eugene, you will be receiving a May ballot that includes a renewal of the parks levy to fund continued operations and maintenance. This time the levy includes an increase for park security, cleanliness, and service—issues found important in recent city surveys. If the levy passes, one addition will be more Park Ambassadors who will focus on safety and park rule violations.

If you want to know more about how Eugene has used funds from the prior levy, go to this online annual report at bit.ly/eugene-bond-levy-22.

Obsidian Nominating Committee

THE OBSIDIAN NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET LATER THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN MAY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THREE CANDIDATES to run for three-year terms on the Obsidian Board of Directors beginning January 2024. The board consists of nine members. The election will take place at the October Annual Meeting at the Lodge. For more information about the election process, see Article IV of the Obsidian Bylaws, available in *Members Area* on the Obsidian website.

If you have any suggestions for nominations,
please contact Dave Hawkins: dave_hawkins@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORIAM

LIZ REANIER 8/13/1938–2/17/2023

THREE YEARS AFTER JOINING THE OBSIDIANS IN 1993, LIZ LED THE FIRST OF HER 56 BUS TRIPS. Chairing the Bus Committee from 2005–2014, Liz scheduled ten bus trips each year and also did ‘dry runs’ for each. That included eighteen multi-day trips to places like Harrison Hot Springs in Canada, Lassen, and Yosemite as well as Western Montana/Lewis and Clark, the Snake River, Mt. St. Helens, and the Wal-lowas. Rick Ahrens, who assisted Liz on the birding trips, said her trips were well planned and executed. He presented Liz with her 200-trip patch in 2015.

Verna Kocken remembers that Liz particularly liked to include trips to various animal parks and refuges.

Sharon Cutsforth said: *Liz took her leadership responsibilities very seriously and always had a concern about new riders getting separated from the group and not showing up on time or being lost. She was also very helpful to me when I started leading trips.*

Paul Beard related that on one of Liz’s five *Eagles ‘N More* trips to Klamath Falls, after they saw the eagles, he teased her saying “What was the *More*?” For Liz, *More* meant that Obsidian bus trips were to be remembered—she wrote: *The eagles started as usual, but had to share top billing with the snow geese, which started arriving in their ‘V’ formations just before 5 PM, filling the sky as far as you could see in all directions. We estimated 6,000 to 8,000 geese. As we drove on, we saw them landing and turning a field absolutely white. After that excitement, we returned to Klamath Falls for the night.*

Liz not only worked tirelessly to create and lead many excellent and memorable bus trips—she was a friend to many and a dedicated Obsidian.

MARGIT HOLLERUD 3/24/1930–2/25/2023

MARGIT WAS BORN IN TYRISTRAND, NORWAY and lived through the German occupation of that country. She joined the Obsidians in February, 1982 and went on fourteen trips. She was assistant cook to Selma Vangnes at several Obsidian Summer Camps during the early 80s, then returned to Norway. Fifteen years later she returned to Eugene and quickly renewed her membership with the Obsidians. Margit traveled on nineteen bus trips where she made many more friends. She is remembered for her kindness and positive attitude especially when recognizing Obsidians at concerts at the Hult Center or the Shedd. Margit is survived by her son Ralph and by her grandson Joe. She was preceded in death by son Reave. A memorial will be held at the Sons of Norway Sonja Lodge in Eugene at a later date.

Editor’s note: a complete obituary was in The Register-Guard, March 5, 2023.

NATALIE MORGAN 12/31/1931–3/10/2023

NATALIE (BECKETT) MORGAN WAS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS OBSIDIAN MEMBER—73 YEARS. She joined June 23, 1950 when she was 19. By 1959 Natalie, her sister Marjorie (Beckett) Beaman, and her mother Blanch (Beckett) Bailey had climbed the Three Sisters and were awarded their Three Peak Emblems. Her trip log includes Diamond Peak and Broken Top climbs. Natalie maintained close friendships with women climbers at monthly social events (Princesses). Natalie was Entertainment Chair in 1957 and served on the Board. She also taught elementary school. She married Obsidian Boyd Morgan in 1957 and they both attended the Mt. Rainier summer camp in 1959. Boyd said that the out-of-doors meant so much to Natalie. They have continued their membership and support of the Club through the years. She is survived by her husband Boyd, their son David, his wife Tricia, and grandson Nathan.

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Get Acquainted Hikes

*2nd Saturday of the Month
May 13, June 10, July 8, Sept 9*

JOINING THE OBSIDIANS IS A SPOT-ON WAY TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS, MAKE FRIENDS AND DISCOVER PLACES TO GET OUTSIDE. Our monthly Get Acquainted hikes have been a huge success in getting people out who are curious about our Club, and also to welcome new arrivals to the area. One guest said, *...it was nice to meet you and so many people who seemed like they wanted to be a part of your group, and it was fun to meet those who were new to Eugene plus visiting your Lodge.*

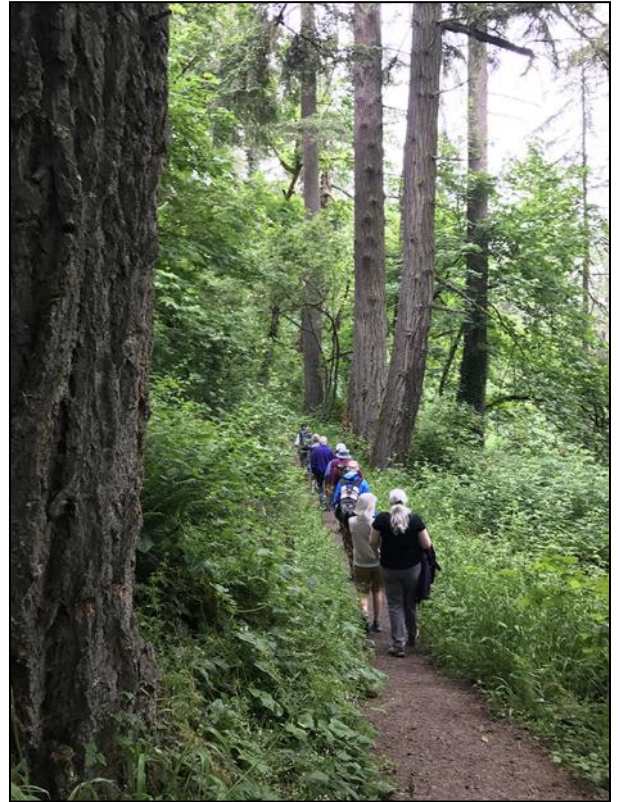
Since Dorothy van Winkle started scheduling the monthly hikes last year, 74 guests have participated and 23 of those have joined. Thanks to Dorothy, Carla Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, and Jim Northrop for leading fourteen hikes.

How can you help?

Sign up for one of the hikes to be part of the camaraderie to welcome and answer questions while hiking (strolling) on the Ribbon Trail.

Encourage acquaintances and friends to go to our website and sign up—especially when you hear, “I’ve heard about the Obsidians for years, and I need to go on one of their hikes.”

If you have questions email Trips Chair Dave Cooper:
dwcoop@yahoo.com



Along the Ribbon trail. Photo by Carla Cooper.

EYES ON THE WINTER TRAILS

THE WILLAMETTE PASS WINTER TRAILS STEWARDS NEED HELP SCOUTING THE MARKED TRAILS FOR PLACES THAT MIGHT BE HARD TO FOLLOW due to fallen, damaged diamonds, or diamonds that are hidden behind branches. If you are a skier or snowshoer, plan on going to the mountains in the next several weeks, and find yourself on a trail marked by blue diamonds, your input can be invaluable when it comes to the upkeep of the winter trail system. We would benefit from trail reports on any of the trails, but in particular the trails listed here need some checking.

- Fuji Mountain Trail to Birthday Lakes
- Fuji Mountain Trail to Fuji Shelter
- From Fuji Shelter the trail going to Birthday Lakes
- Gold Lake Trail
- Maiden Lake Trail from the PCT junction
- Twin Peaks Trail

The information we need is: what trail you were on, and what problems you encountered in following the diamonds. It will be helpful if you can give a description or a GPS reading of where the problem is. Or just saying all looked fine lets us know we do not have to work on that trail.

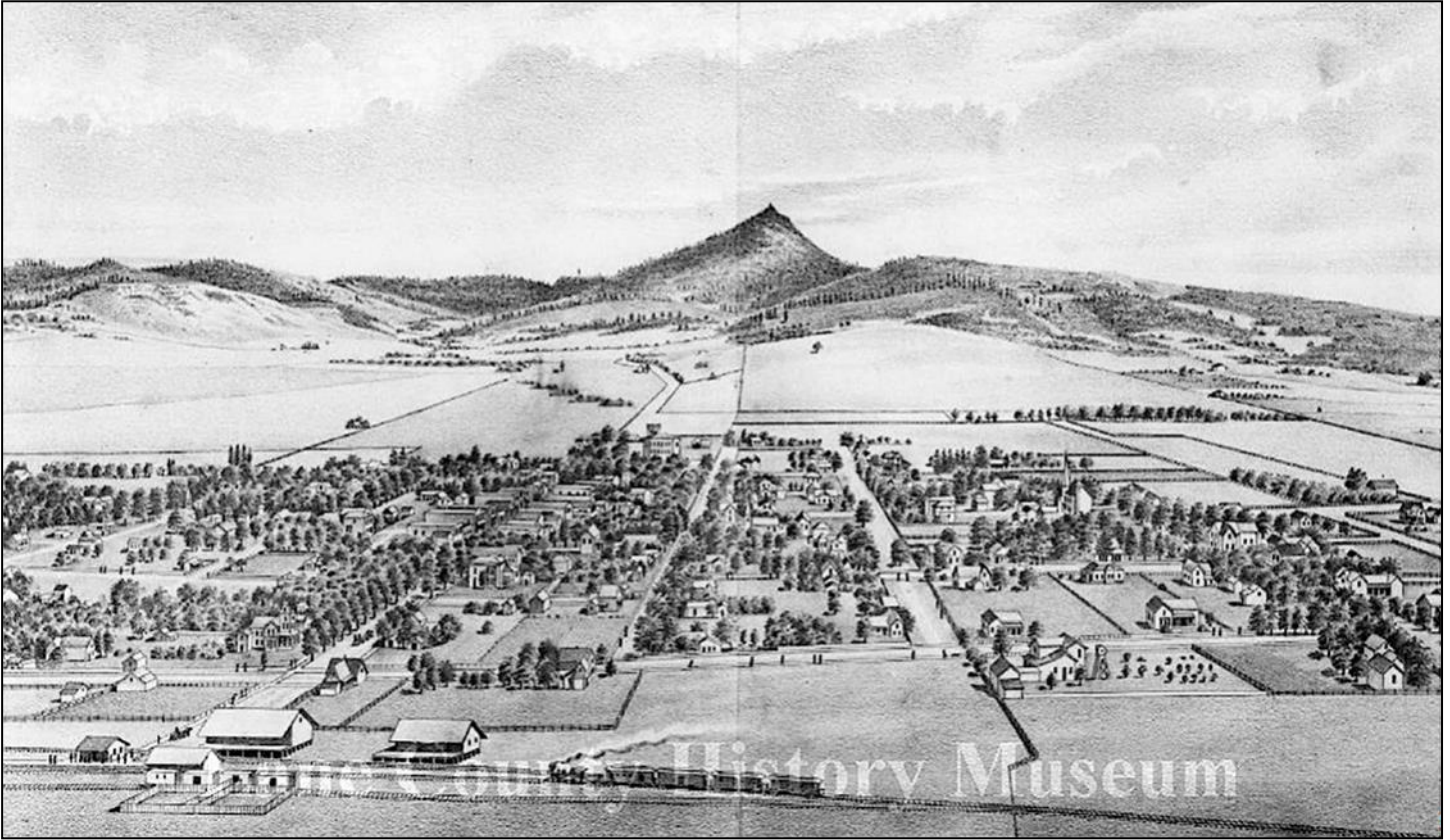
Reports on shelters are also appreciated. We like to know how much wood is left or if it is all gone.

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Climate Change and Douglas-firs on Spencer Butte

Joanna Alexander, Sci-Ed Committee



Spencer Butte lithograph, ca. 1884, from A. G. Walling, 'Illustrated History of Lane County'—thanks to Lane County History Museum Digital Collection.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN HIKING TO THE SPENCER BUTTE SUMMIT OVER THE LAST 5–10 YEARS, as have many Obsidians, you have seen Douglas-firs near the rocky summit begin to lose their green and become tall snags. Ecological services staff working at the City of Eugene have observed the same phenomenon all along Eugene's ridgeline in the last 10 years. Paul Gordon, a licensed drone pilot with City of Eugene Parks, recorded drone views of the ridgeline canopy a couple of years ago; another pass will be made as early as April 2023. Stay tuned for a comparison in a future sci-ed piece. What is the major cause of the decline of Oregon's state tree here? Evolving climate changes, of course.

Is this a cause for concern? Shelly Miller, the Supervisor of Ecological Services and GIS teams for Eugene Parks, says that until 200 years ago Douglas-firs were a minor part of the landscape on Spencer Butte (somewhat evident on the 1884 illustration). The landscape included vast stretches of open grassland and prairie dotted with Oregon white oaks; only a few Douglas-firs grew on the northern flank (you can see these 300–400+ year-old giants now along an upper segment

of the Wednesday morning conditioning hike). In order to germinate, Douglas-firs require mineral soil and sun, and in order to grow into trees, a lack of disturbance. The arrival of European settlers marveling at already cleared land to take for their agricultural pursuits put an end to thousands of years of pyroculture practiced by indigenous people that had prevented Douglas-fir seedlings from becoming trees. Now Douglas-firs blanket Spencer Butte and much of the ridgeline, and are not the first generation of trees—the logging industry harvested regularly up until the area became City parkland.

The timber industry prizes this species of tree, and while certain small mammals, like the gray squirrel and [*Douglas squirrel \(or chickaree\)*](#) might be affected by the loss of Douglas-firs at Spencer Butte, the Eugene Parks Department uses many resources to foster endangered habitats, such as meadow, oak savannah, woodland, and prairie ecosystems that once thrived on Spencer Butte. Climate warming that causes the loss of some Douglas-firs may benefit the restoration of these habitats.



Recycling: Good News on This Earth Day 2023

Jorry Rolfe

FROM THE BOTTLE BILL OF 1971 TO THE PLASTIC POLLUTION AND RECYCLING MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021, we are U.S. leaders in Oregon in recycling and waste management! Truthfully, it will be awhile before we see new recycling programs based on the 2021 law, but—just to give you a heads up—in two years Oregon will be requiring producers of packaging, paper products, and food service ware to share responsibility for supporting in-state recycling programs. This is referred to as extended producer responsibility or EPR. This is big; we are the second state in the U.S. to be doing this (Maine is the other). We can thank former Gov. Brown who, in August two years ago, signed that new act into law.

What we can look forward to is a new packaging program that will reduce the impacts of waste on our health, keep plastics out of our water, and make progress toward addressing recycling inequities and environmental justice. We ratepayers

will be supplied with a modernized recycling system (however, we will still pay for this), we will see more sustainable packaging, and our community will receive funding for reuse and waste prevention programs. Additionally there will be one list for the whole state of what can be recycled, providing clarity to every Oregonian and creating operational efficiencies. The new law will also expand recycling access to multifamily housing and those living in rural and remote communities.

We in Oregon have certainly bought into the need, and have been involved in upholding and developing a recycling culture. In 2020 our recovery rate was 42.1% of waste generated. But do you know which country actually recycles the most? Germany leads with the highest recycling rate in the world—66.1% of its waste is recycled. So... keep calm and recycle!

REFLECTION

Mike Smith

MAYBE IT WAS THE SILENCE THAT WOKE US AT OUR CAMPSITE ON HORSE LAKE. The wilderness is seldom totally quiet, but we caught a moment when air, plants, and animals were simultaneously still. I had experienced such quiet only two other times, once in the Grand Canyon, the other here in the Boundary Waters. In any case, I was awake, quietly unzipped the netting, and crawled outside, barefoot.

Before me was a phenomenon few witness: a clear, dark night sky with no light pollution. We were in the largest roadless area in the contiguous states, and it was a long way—two days' travel by canoe—to the nearest road and a good deal further to any sort of town. The Moon was almost new and wouldn't rise for two hours. Below me I felt the cold, wet, dewy grass of the campsite. It might yet become foggy for the morning travel south through two lakes and a river to Jackfish Bay on Basswood Lake.

Looking over at the calm lake, I saw Orion's reflection in the water before I even looked up at the sky itself—Betelgeuse, Saiph, Bellatrix, Rigel, with the three stars in the belt, Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka, all clearly visible. I've seen good reflections in the daytime; this reflection was the best I had ever seen at night. Looking up was the actual Orion, with Jupiter a little to the north among the stars in Gemini, so bright that I first thought I was seeing Venus, although that was clearly impossible at 1:30 AM.

When I view Orion, I often follow the belt to the right or west two fists at arm's length to Aldebaran, in the Hyades Cluster of Taurus. I looked another fist length in the same direction to the Pleiades, nearly high overhead through

the white pines on the campsite. I didn't have my glasses on, but the sky was transparent, perfectly calm, although if a touch of a breeze came up, fog would form.

For the first and only time in my life, with the naked eye I could make out the seven bright stars in the Pleiades, using averted vision. If one views in low light, looking slightly to the side of a desired object will focus the image on the dim light-sensitive rods of the retina, not the bright light-sensitive cones of the macula, where sharp, colorful images are discerned, but at the cost of sensitivity in low light. That's why we see colors poorly in the dark. In any event, I saw Alcyone, the brightest Pleiad; then Electra, Maia, Celaeno, Sterope, Merope, and...yes, there it really was, Taygate, near Maia.

I've noted when it is quiet, I talk in a whisper. There are few places in the modern world where one is immersed in wilderness, dark skies, and silence, my 'Outdoor Triad'. On the September trips we had either darkness like this or saw the post-Harvest Moon rise almost at the same time for two to three consecutive nights. If the weather was clear, we watched the Moon rise through the trees, or, by changing our perspective to the correct one, realized we weren't seeing the Moon rise, we were seeing the Earth rotate.

Try to watch the Earth rotate sometime. You don't even need to leave town, although it's a lot better in the woods. Changing one's perspective is good for the soul.

See you on the trail.



MARCH BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Angie Ruzicka March 1, 2023

Vice President Denise Bean called the meeting to order. Board members present: Russ Davies, Jean Harris, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, and Angie Ruzicka. Others present: Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop.

The Board approved the minutes for February 1, 2023.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Osinga): Laura reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop): The Bus Trips Committee will meet at noon on Thursday, March 30, to plan the 2023 season and discuss other matters. All are welcome. The three-day, two-night Columbia River Sternwheeler Bus Trip is tentatively scheduled for the first week of May.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee hosted an evening session on building sport climbing anchors using our new skills board that's upstairs in the Lodge. Everyone learned new skills and had fun! We are also working on Climb School as it starts on March 13. For some reason sign ups aren't as robust as in years past.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka): At a recent Strategic Planning meeting and after some discussion, the decision was made to not merge this committee with the Entertainment Committee as was proposed by the CSE co-chair present. Regarding ExploraTalks, it was agreed that the Nov. 17 potluck will have a CSE-type speaker.

Entertainment (Ane McKee): Jarl Berg was our featured speaker for our February potluck. The potluck drew over 30 diners and the presentation drew almost 40. Jarl spoke about the beginnings of the Obsidians and brought a neat display of ski gear that was used before the modern gear we use nowadays. He presented a nice picture montage showing early Obsidians skiing, playing in the snow, and at camp. His love of snow was apparent as he talked about telemark skiing and how his family has made skiing and snow sports accessible to folks in the Eugene/Springfield area through his family's ski shop opened by his grandfather in 1955.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Obsidians *love* overnight trips—both camping and with a roof over their heads. It's a great way to connect with like-minded folks and share a fun experience! We have two snow trips on the schedule, plus a hiking trip in the Columbia Gorge. For additional information, look for the Extended Trips icon on the home page. We need more leaders—perhaps you?

Finance (Susan Zeni): We will be accepting electronic payments from Climb School participants for the first time in March. This trial will allow us to test receiving credit card payments and financial reporting systems.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): The fire extinguishers and smoke alarm were checked. McKenzie River Trust is renting the Lodge on March 4. We are down to two lights in the upper storage room. The ballasts have failed. I'll get quotes on changing all the fixtures to LEDs. That will be cheaper than

replacing the current ballasts and we should be good for a decade.

Membership (Diane Schechter): There were 15 new members for a total membership of 465. The committee updated the letter included in the new member packets. We will be sending an updated list of members interested in volunteering to committee chairs.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): The tree planting planned for the end of February was postponed, due to the cold, to March 11. Nevertheless, eight members braved the weather to work on the trail maintenance project which involved ivy removal from trees along the Ribbon Trail. Evan Gammon, City of Eugene's Natural Areas and Trees Volunteer Coordinator instructed and led the group during this worthwhile activity.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): We continue to chunk away at the to-do list. Sue Wolling has been writing monthly *Bulletin* articles; if you missed one, they have a lot of pertinent information and are available online. Holger Krentz finished editing the draft of the Camp Booklet. Steve Johnson and Lana Lindstrom have edited multiple versions of the registration form, wrote the summer camp text for the webpage, started working on the rally script (3/31), and attended to multiple other details including searching for dinner caterers.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): Summer Trips begin April 1. We have reoccurring hikes like the Wednesday Spencer and Tuesdays from Blanton Ridge scheduled out to August. We will probably have a meeting for leaders (and others) once the new website is up. Regardless, we should have a gathering to review best practices and share ideas about trips.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Web design project update** (Marci Hansen) Postponed
- **Summer Camp update** (Lana Lindstrom) Booklet is substantially done by Holger Krentz using resources from previous summer camps in the Sawtooths: 2000 (same campground) and 2008 (different campground, but same area). Registration form is almost done. Pots are arranged for, but finding a caterer has been more challenging—anywhere from 3–4 caterers will cover the 6 nights. Registration will be 90 people like last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee chairs documentation discussion (Laura Osinga) Part of the rewrite of Practices and Procedure is that committee chairs document what they do. Denise Bean suggested that it might be helpful to pull together at least a couple of meetings of the committee chairs per year to work together. Although a template might standardize the process, given that committee roles are so different the template would need to be general with individual chairs filling in details.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting: Denise Rubenstein took minutes. See Conservation/SciEd report above.

ADJOURNMENT

Summer Camp: A Day Off from Hiking

Sue Wolling



WITH OVER 350 MILES OF HIKING TRAILS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE, YOU WON'T EXHAUST THE HIKING POSSIBILITIES at the 2023 Summer Camp in the Sawtooths—but all of those hiking opportunities might exhaust you! If you need a day off during the week of Camp, what else is there to do in the area?

There is a raft of possibilities for outdoor activities in the Sawtooths. Foremost among them is rafting or kayaking on the Salmon River. Outfitters in nearby Stanley offer one-day raft/kayak trips on the whitewater of the famed *River of No Return*—and despite the name, you most likely will return in time to share stories of your wild and wet day with friends over dinner.

Maybe you're not into that much paddling excitement, and you'd rather 'paddle-bored'. There are lots of opportunities for paddle boarding and flat-water canoeing or kayaking, too. Whether you bring your own equipment or rent it, you'll enjoy exploring some of the beautiful mountain lakes and streams not far from Camp.

If you're still casting about for things to do: Sawtooth a-fish-ionados come from around the country every year to snag the cutthroat, brook and bull trout that are abundant in the lakes and streams of the area. Local guides can give you tips on where the fish are likely to be biting, and we won't make you reveal your secret fishing hole in your evening trip report.

Finally, you can always soak up the alpine scenery while soaking in the numerous hot springs located near camp. They range from a developed swimming complex (possibly with on-site ice cream!) to remote natural pools of varying temperatures. Soaking those tired muscles in the hot water will put spring back in your step when you return to hiking—or at least put you to sleep when you return to your sleeping bag!

So, start now to get in shape for a week of hiking in the Sawtooths—but rest assured that there's also lots to do besides hiking! Remember, registration for members opens at 7 AM on April 15, and for those who have not been members for at least 30 days, it's 7 AM on April 17.



Kayaking near the Sawtooths.



Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and Rhody Walk/Hike

Jim Northrop

CHILDREN, BRING YOUR MOTHERS! MOTHERS, BRING YOUR CHILDREN! Everyone else, bring yourself, a neighbor, or a friend.

The Entertainment and Bus Trips committees are co-sponsoring a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge, followed by a hike on the Ribbon Trail to the Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden. Mother's Day is the peak of blooms in the garden. The Friends of Hendricks Park will be available in the park to assist visitors.

We will be serving pancakes (blueberry and plain), syrup, coffee, orange juice, and other fixings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Arrive any time. If you like, bring your favorite pancake topping or breakfast dish to share. You can also bring a post-hike dessert. Bring your own plate, utensils, and cup or coffee mug.

But most importantly, bring yourself.

After breakfast groups of hikers will set off on the Ribbon Trail for the Rhododendron Garden. For those unable to hike, we will carpool to the garden and drop off walkers to tour the garden and then be picked up. Or you may prefer to stay at the Lodge, work a jigsaw puzzle, play a game, or just converse with old friends. We expect to be done by 2:00 PM.

We are making a special effort to bring members who are homebound or in assisted living to the Lodge. We will assist with

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(Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast & Rhody Hike/Walk continued from page 7)

arranging transportation. If you sign up online, indicate whether you need a ride or can offer a ride. Signing up online will help us plan but is not required. You may also call Jim Northrop at 343-3426 or email at jim.b.northrop@gmail.com to arrange transportation.

There will be a special gift for all mothers.

Pancake breakfasts at the Lodge have a long and interesting history. Back in the day when Joella Ewing was Entertainment chair, she was aghast to learn that each Mother's Day the women went to the Lodge to prepare a huge breakfast for the men who went on a long bicycle ride. When the men rode up to the Lodge, the women served them breakfast. Something was drastically wrong with that picture. So, after a couple of years of this nonsense, Joella changed the day of the pancake breakfast to Father's Day. The women still did the cooking, but not on the day that was supposed to honor them. From what we could find, the last Mother's Day breakfast was in 1975. The last Father's Day breakfast was in June 1993.

It is time to revive a grand tradition, albeit with a change in who is serving whom. Come join us for food, exercise, and an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

Ribbon Trail to Moon Mountain

March 2, 2023

Leader: Steve Adey

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WE HIKE ABOUT THREE HOURS, MAYBE SEVEN MILES, and 800 ft. Lots of mud. A tangle of formal and user trails. We had the whole place to ourselves and the area was new to most hikers. Found some locations with nice



Lis, Sandra, Janet, Steve, and Lynn.

views to the north, east, and south. Looked at several public access points and found them lacking. Recommend starting like we did at the 30th and Spring trailhead. Members: Steve Adey, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Sandra Sigrist, Lis Sorrell.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

March 11, 2023

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

GREAT GROUP OF FOLKS, INCLUDING TWO CLIMBERS. Lots of questions about the Obsidians and the Lodge/grounds from the nonmembers. Three people became members! Saw one

spring beauty and several spotted fawn lily leaves (no flowers yet). Beautiful blue sky and 50 degrees. Members: Joanna Alexander, Patricia Esch, Anne Hollander, Lana Lindstrom, Janice Silvestri, Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: Michael Greer, Joseph Lee, Gabriel Buchbinder, Jef Sloat.

North Bank Habitat Management Area

March 11, 2023

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographers: Steve Johnson & Lynn Meacham

Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

SUN! SNOW COVERED FOOTHILLS! What a surprise to shed layers of clothing and pull out our sunglasses and sunscreen. We expected muddy trail sections but were again surprised to trek through patches of snow up on the ridgeline. Everyone was happy to linger in the sun at our lunch spot and to enjoy the views high above the North Umpqua River. What a change from the rainy and snowy weather of the past weeks.



We encountered occasional patches of snow. Photo by Steve Johnson.



*Another hill to hike up before our lunch stop.
Photo by Lynn Meacham.*

Thanks to Heidi Anderson who provided the BLM North Bank Habitat Management Area Map. Members: Heidi Anderson, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Elizabeth Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Valerie Metcalfe, Sandra Sigrist, Pat Soussan, Karen Yoerger.

Mt. Baldy on a Drizzly Day

March 19, 2023

Leader and Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 3.5 miles, 950 ft. (Easy)

BOB MARLEY ONCE SAID THAT “SOME PEOPLE FEEL THE RAIN. OTHERS JUST GET WET.” He was right. Members: Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Eva Mogart, Darko Sojak.



Eva watches Gwyneth on the trail teeter.

Mt. Pisgah Spring Equinox

March 20, 2023

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

WE CELEBRATED THE SPRING EQUINOX AT 2:24 PM AT THE RHODA LOVE BENCH on the Jette Trail in the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. On the other Arboretum trails (Riverbank, Hillside, Zig-Zag, Buford, Creek, and Incense-cedar) we viewed spring beauty flowers. The trillium and fawn lily needed a few more spring days to bloom. At one junction, some took the Creek Trail back to the parking lot while the rest of us went up Trail 35 to the main trail before we returned. Another celebration was the Arboretum’s 50th anniversary of leasing the land back in 1973. By 1984, a one-mile Nature Trail was completed with numbered stations. Obsidians held several trail maintenance activities to help with the clearing of those new trails. Now the 209-acre nature facility offers many trails through diverse Willamette Valley habitats, making our two-hour walk so interesting. Members: Heidi Anderson, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Anne Hollander, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Evelyn Nagy, Emilia Rorden, Janice Silvestri, Darko Sojak, Frank Webster, Judy Webster. Nonmembers: Jane Allen, Wayne Parker, Leslie Parker.

See also: photos from this trip on page 15 of this Bulletin.

Amanda Trail to Perpetua

March 25, 2023

Leader: Sandra Sigrist

Assistant Leader: Kathie Carpenter

Photographers: Kathie Carpenter & Holger Krentz

Hike: 7 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

TEN HIKERS BRAVED THE ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE THE AMANDA TRAIL LOOP from the coast just south of Yachats up to the Cape Perpetua Stone Shelter overlook and back. The drive over went from sunny to rainy to hail to snow! It was



Heidi, Jorry, Sandra, Holger, John, Nancy, Joan, with the beautiful new suspension bridge in the background. Photo by Kathie Carpenter.

again rainy and very windy when we started hiking the forested trail, but shortly afterwards, the sun returned, and it was a lovely, cool hike to the statue and on up to the coastal overlook points. After lunch at the Stone Shelter, a new storm front arrived. Again it went from sunny to rainy to hail to snow for the initial part of our return down the trail. By the time we reached the Amanda statue and the last mile to the coast, it was again a sunny day. Six of us stopped in Florence for a meal, and then, for the third time, passed through



Marguerite in the stone shelter. Photo by Holger Krentz.

sun, rain hail, and snow on the drive back to a sunny Eugene. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed being on the beautiful Oregon coast in all its wild weather. PS from the assistant leader: this was Sandra's first time leading and she did an awesome job! Members: Heidi Anderson, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Elizabeth Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Holger Krentz, Jorry Rolfe, Sandra Sigrist, Joan Skarda, John Skarda.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes
Hikes: 3.5-6.2 miles, 950-1,530 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders



Atop Spencer Butte on March 1. Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Wednesday hikes with muffins and chocolate: Janet, Sandra, Eva, Jorry, Hillary, Anna Maria. In the back: Karen, Mike, and Wim. Photo by Wim Aarts.

Karen Yoerger: 3/1 13 Members
Mike Smith: 3/8 7 Members, **3/22** 15 Members, 1 Nonmember
Darko Sojak: 3/12 4 Members,
Corrine Clifford: 3/15 11 Members, 1 Nonmember
Denise Rubenstein: 3/29 21 Members, 1 Nonmember

Blanton Ridge Hikes
Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders

Jorry Rolfe: 3/7 6 Members, **3/21** 4 Members
Janet Jacobsen: 3/14 4 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes
Hike: 3.5–9.4 miles, 1,000–1,200 ft. (Moderate)
Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 3/5 7 Members, 3 Nonmembers
David Hawkins: 3/17 10 Members
Karen Yoerger, Lynn Meacham: 2/26 13 Members,
3/26 9 Members



Snowshoe Trips

Gold Lake / Marilyn Lake Snowshoe
February 19, 2023

Leader: Jean Harris
SShoe: 5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

B LUE SKIES, FRESH SNOW, AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES ALL MADE FOR A FABULOUS DAY to be on trails in the snow. We trekked along the Gold Lake Road, then looped past Upper Marilyn Lake and along the shore of Lower Marilyn Lake. Gold Lake Shelter welcomed us to our lunch stop with coals still warm in the stove. With temperatures in the mid-30s, we proceeded to the shore of Gold Lake, then took a zig-zag path along Upper Marilyn Lake, through the timber, and back to the parking lot. A visit inside the staffed Sno-Park shelter wrapped up the day. Members: Jean Harris, Frank Webster, Paul Winther.

Potato Hill
March 9, 2023
Leader: Scott Hovis
Photographer: Kathie Carpenter
SShoe: 5 miles, 900 ft. (Difficult)

WE WERE MET WITH NEW SNOW THAT WAS 18–22 INCHES DEEP. The weather report was misleading as three inches were predicted. The Sno-Park had been plowed. In a



We finished just as the predicted afternoon storm was starting. From L–R: Annie, Keiko, Nancy, Scott, David, Ricci, Barbara, Sandra.
 snowstorm, they are usually the last place to be cleared. More blue diamonds have been put up, but the trail could still use more. Some basic pathfinding skills are needed. Members: Keiko Bryan, Kathie Carpenter, Annie Chan, Nancy Hoecker, Scott Hovis, David Morris, Barbara Orsi, Riccie Shipley, Sandra Sigrist.

Fawn Lake

March 16, 2023

Leader: Steven Johnson

Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas

SShoe: 7.5 miles, 900 ft. (Difficult)

AFTER WAITING A COUPLE OF WEEKS FOR GOOD WEATHER, we finally got a break that allowed us to head up to Crescent Junction for a snowshoe trip in to Fawn Lake. Our group of



Enjoying a break.

seven was greeted with beautiful views of Lakeview and Redtop Mountains around Fawn Lake. The 3.5-mile trek in to Fawn Lake is an unmarked uphill climb that requires the use of GPS, but we had the entire area to ourselves. Members: Ben Brown, Annie Chan, Lorraine Cuevas, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Sandra Sigrist, Frank Webster.



Extended Trip



Shelter Cove Snowshoe / Ski

February 28, 2023

Leader: Chris Shuraleff

Assistant Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas

AFTER THE WEATHER REPORT OF THREE FEET OF NEW SNOW AND DIFFICULT DRIVING CONDITIONS we had two



Pam, Marguerite, and Diane.

cars drop out. That left us with 13 participants and 3 cars that could take passengers. After much effort by Chris and Jane, we solved our problems as a group. The car top carriers came out, and another driver stepped forward. On the 28th the group left the LCC parking lot for Odell. We stayed in a caravan and began our three-day adventure. The drive up was beautiful. It snowed the whole way after Oakridge. Big fat flakes. The road was plowed and sanded. One car put on chains and all easily made the drive. We arrived around noon, had lunch, and people left on snowshoes or skis to explore the area around the lake. Dinner that night was chili with chicken



Dorothy, Pam, Diane, and Marguerite all smiles.

or vegetarian, salad, and apple pie and ice cream. The big question was where to go on Wednesday. With two feet of fresh snow, breaking trail was the question. I personally have not seen that much snow in years. Wednesday was exceptional. Clear blue skies and lots of sun. The snow-lovers went several directions: to Rosary Lakes, from the Gold Lake Sno-Park to the Odell Overlook and Diamond View Loop, or around Odell Lake to Trapper Creek through the diamond-studded snow in the woods. That night we enjoyed a potato bar with all the trimmings, salad, homemade brownies, and lemon bars. I think I can say for the entire group, everyone was very happy that we persevered as all enjoyed a wonderful three days. Members: Pam Caples, Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Bea Fontana, Elizabeth Grant, Jane Hackett, Bill Knoke, Stephanie Pflaster, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Dorothy van Winkle, Sue Wolling.

Class

NOAA Research Vessel Tour

February 16, 2023

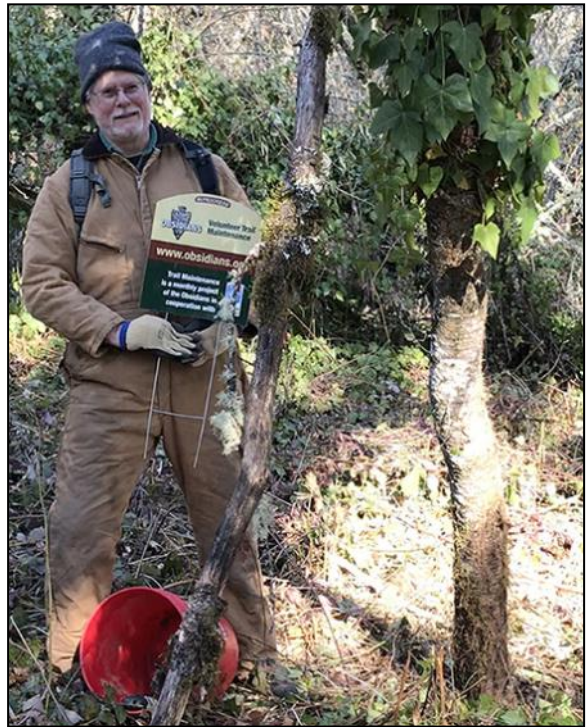
Leader and Photographer: Evelyn Nagy

THIS AFTERNOON TOUR WAS GIVEN TO US BY AN OFFICER OF THE SHIP WHO TURNED OUT TO BE a man of all trades, doing everything from 'driving' the ship to dock, to



NOAA Research Vessel and Obsidians in Newport, Evelyn, Nancy, June, Linda, Bill, John, Vern, Sheila, Joan.

firefighting, and to giving medical care to the crew. The ship does, however, have a medical officer who is one of the lucky few to have his own cabin. The vessel was set to leave for the Aleutians and then Honolulu. Google *Okeanos Explorer*, which is the name of our NOAA research vessel and one of 14 NOAA vessels. Be sure to go to oceanexplorer.noaa.gov for livestream marine-related NOAA videos. Members: Nancy Hoecker, Sheila Marsonette, Vern Marsonette, June Miller, Evelyn Nagy, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Bill Watson. Nonmembers: Linda Watson.



Dan has removed the ivy from the base of this tree. Photo by Pat Soussan.

clippers, a saw, and a snake-tongue weeder, and then headed down the trail. We stopped for a refresher on how to identify poison oak vines. As we entered the work area, we picked trees without poison oak to work on. To create each life-ring on a tree, we cut the ivy at about chest height and pulled, cut, pried, and scraped the ivy vines to the ground. We bounced from tree to tree freeing them from the ivy. We ended our outing by partaking in zucchini bread that Janet brought and by discussing various beetles. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Jorry Rolfe, Pat Soussan.

**Amazon Creek
March 11, 2023**

**Leader and Photographer: Darko Sojak
Work Party: 1.5 miles, 10 ft. (Easy)**

REWARDED BY A BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY, our volunteer tree planting party was a great way to start the weekend. Thank you all! Members: Holger Krentz, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield.



Stewardship

Ribbon Trail Tree Ivy Removal

February 25, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographers: Janet Jacobsen & Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET EVAN GAMMON AT THE LODGE ON A BRISK MORNING to ‘life-ring’ trees along the Ribbon Trail. We each grabbed a bucket that Evan had prepared with hand-clippers, a saw, and a snake-tongue weeder, and then headed



Pat showing a tree before ivy removal. Photo by Janet Jacobsen.



Nancy and Angie.

Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Tour

March 18, 2023

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Work Party: 1.2 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE GROUP WAS LED BY JARED TARR WHO IS THE INTERN AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR with Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah. As we stood overlooking a changing landscape of prairie, ridges, and waters of the Willamette, we learned about the current habitat stewardship and river restoration



At the Native Plant Nursery, Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah.



Jared Tarr from Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah and Obsidians.



Teasel on a sunny day.

Arboretum. Formerly, this land of the Kalapuya was an oak being done on this public land adjacent to the Mount Pisgah savanna that was annually burned. More recently, the Wildish Company dug pits to mine gravel, which redirected nearby waterways and disrupted habitat. The nonprofit's stewardship tools are fire, selective cutting and logging, mowing, and herbicides that are used to deal with the blackberries, teasel, etc. Now seen are forbs (herbaceous broad-leaf plants), camas, buttercups, bunchgrass, the rare Bradshaw's lomatium (desert parsley), and beautiful oak trees. No current recovery work involves fauna although we learned about the existence of camas gophers, bass, and bullfrogs. The habitat management is mutually compatible with recreation as per the goals in the management plan. We learned that the Friends of Buford Park, along with the Arboretum and Lane County, have launched a Park Watch volunteer ambassador program. Lastly, some of us volunteered in the Native Plant Nursery where we potted and mulched young plants. Members: Joanna Alexander, Heidi Anderson, Patricia Cleall, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Eva Mogart, Patty Neis, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Joseph Lee.

Wild Iris Ridge Drainage

March 25, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographers: Pat Soussan and Darko Sojak

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

ON A STANDARD OREGON SPRING MORNING, SUNNY BUT WITH THREATENING SKIES, we met at the Wild Iris Ridge Trailhead parking lot just off of Bailey Hill Road for a morning of ditch and culvert cleaning. Our group of volunteers selected tools from the back of my pickup and headed up the trail. The large group made short work of clearing the drainage ditches of built-up duff and sprouted plants. We enjoyed



Many hands make light work. Photo by Pat Soussan.



*Jerome makes short work of removing plant material and soil.
Photo by Pat Soussan.*

clear skies until we finished our work and began heading back down the trail. Then we experienced the remaining spring weather from rain to hail, sleet, and snow. We arrived back at the trailhead to enjoy lemonade and cookies. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, David Clinger, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Dave Predeek, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan.



*Clara Emlen clipping blackberries.
Photo by Darko Sojak.*



This ditch is all cleared. Photo by Pat Soussan.

Eugene's Polar Plunge! **February 18, 2023** **Leader: Elizabeth Grant**

AN EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE AND SO MUCH FUN TO BE PART OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EFFORT to raise funds for Special Olympics! Our group was surrounded by well over 100 participants. The event started with a parade of costumes and applause voting. What a hoot! Then the Plunge began. Lisa, her daughter Sophia, and I plunged early with the category of *Individuals*, and again 20 minutes later along with Mitch as the *Obsidian Team*. Warmed dressing tents, hot beverages, and food from the Texas Roadhouse were most welcome post-plunge. At least one other Obsidian participant who did not end up making the Plunge donated the registration fee. Plans are underway to return next year. Join us! Members: Elizabeth Grant, Mitch Temple. Nonmembers: Lisa Calevi.

Mt. Pisgah Spring Equinox

ON MARCH 20, HIKERS GATHERED AT THE ENTRANCE UNDER THE BANNER celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum before they started their exploration of the Riverbank, Hillside, Zig-Zag, Buford, Creek, and Incense-cedar trails. At 2:24 PM there was a celebration of the Spring Equinox at the Rhoda Love bench on the Jette Trail named after George Jette who presented the 1975 master plan that included the loop trails. For a historical timeline, visit the Arboretum website at mountpisgaharboretum.org/history/.

Read the complete report of this hike, led by Janet Jacobsen, on page 9.



1. 'Tree' cheers for 50 years of Mt. Pisgah Arboretum!



2. Incense-cedar alley.

3. Fawn lily preparing to bloom.



Photos by:
Frank Webster: 1 & 3
Darko Sojak: 2 & 3-8



4. Crossing Adkison bridge.

5. Scarlet waxcap, presumably.



6. Wetlands exhibit.



7. Along the fast-running Coast Fork Willamette River.



8. Looking west from trail #35 / Mt. Pisgah.



Friday, April 28, 2023, 6:30 PM

From Obsidian Climb School to Summiting Mt. Everest



Climbing Everest.

OBSIDIAN MEMBER ERIC GRAN WILL WALK US THROUGH HIS FOUR-YEAR JOURNEY from being a working dad and weekend warrior to climbing Mt. Everest. He will show his stunning photographs of the climb and answer our questions on what it's really like to prepare for and climb Mt. Everest.



Camp 2 on Everest.

Photos by Eric Gran



Sherpas near the summit.

Potluck
Friday, April 28, 2023
Obsidian Lodge
Social 6:05 PM
Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM
Bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with your own plates, utensils, and cups to be washed at home.

CONCESSIONS

Welcome New Members!

Therese Bauer Eugene, OR 97405	Brian Miller Eugene, OR 97405
Larry Bentley Eugene, OR 97405	Kourtney Rusow Springfield, OR 97478
Pat Bentley Eugene, OR 97405	Jef Sloat Eugene, OR 97405
Melissa Hart Eugene, OR 97405	Tracy Sloat Eugene, OR 97405
Lynn Lary Eugene, OR 97405	Joseph Warner Lowell, OR 97452
Joseph Lee Eugene, OR 97405	Julia Warner Lowell, OR 97452



Everyone needs an Obsidian hat!

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Purchase at a potluck or email sales@obsidians.org

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

April

10 Mon Mt Pisgah Hike **M**..... Cooper 517-6785
 11 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 12 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501
 12 Wed Hendricks Park Spring Heyday Hike **E**.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 12 Wed 52nd Street/Spencer Butte Hike **M** Nagy 514-4110
 13 Thu **GameNight!** at the Lodge..... McKee 554-1364
 13 Thu Salem Exploration Hike **E** Northrop 343-3426
 15 Sat Cottage Grove Murals&Museums Hike **E** Hougardy 206-9532
 18 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 19 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... McKee 554-1364
 20 Thu Tour of Rexius Facility Class **E** Wolling 345-2110
 21 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike **M** Hawkins 505-0119
 21 Fri Fox Hollow to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Cooper 517-6785
 22 Sat Spring Beach Clean Up WrkPrty **E**.....Sojak 799-9199
 23 Sun Corvallis Mural Walk Hike **E** Hougardy 206-9532
 25 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 26 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Smith 520-488-9569
 28 Fri Mt Everest— Eric Gran **Potluck**
 29 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829

May

2 Tue Columbia Gorge Hiking ExtTrp **M** Shuraleff 954-4474
 2 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M** Young 941-780-4156
 3 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Morray 953-5679
 4 Thu Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M**.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 6 Sat Diamond Peak - Graduation Climb Climb **D** .. Reiter 521-8472
 9 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..... Rolfe 206-9501
 9 Tue **GameNight!** at the Lodge.....Anson 228-8722
 10 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 12 Fri Lodge & grounds cleanup WrkPrty **E** Cooper 868-5427
 13 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E**..... TBA
 14 Sun Mother's Day Breakfast Northrop 343-3426
 16 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 16 Tue Fitton Green Hike **M**..... Wilken 343-3080
 17 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**.....Miller 808-282-5201
 19 Fri Antarctica—Lana Lindstrom..... **Potluck**
 20 Sat Diamond Peak- Graduation Climb Climb **D** ... Reiter 525-1709
 20 Sat McKenzie R Trust Stewardship WrkPrty **E**Sojak 799-9199
 23 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 24 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Miller 255-6254

30 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 31 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt **M** Bell 503-884-8829
 31 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Smith 520-488-9569

June

2 Fri Heceta Head & Tahkenitch CarCmp **M** Hougardy 206-9532
 2 Fri Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M** Jacobsen 206-1251
 3 Sat National Trails Day TrlMnt **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829
 6 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 7 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 10 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E** TBA
 13 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 14 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Meacham 214-8827
 15 Thu **GameNight!** at the Lodge..... McKee 554-1364
 16 Fri Mt Jefferson Climb **D**..... Harris 521-5807
 20 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 21 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Smith 520-488-9569
 21 Wed Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike **M** Jacobsen 206-1251
 24 Sat Mt Thielsen Climb **D**..... Reiter 521-8472
 27 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 28 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt **M** Bell 503-884-8829
 28 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Clifford 915-5434
 28 Wed Mount St Helens area ExtTrp **D** Harris 953-0268

July

1 Sat Middle Sister Climb **D** Reiter 525-1709
 1 Sat Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M** Jacobsen 206-1251
 4 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 5 Wed Amazon Headwaters Butte Hike **M**..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 8 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E** TBA
 11 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 11 Tue **GameNight!** at the Lodge..... Anson 228-8722
 12 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Clifford 915-5434
 18 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 19 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 25 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**. Young 941-780-4156
 26 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt **M** Bell 503-884-8829
 26 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Rolfe 206-9501

August

6 Sun Sawtooth Summer Camp SmCmp **M** Johnson 520-2470

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SAVE THE DATES

Spring
SOLVE Beach Clean Up

Saturday April 22
 Sign up on the Obsidian website.

Eugene Parks Talk

with Bill Sullivan
 at the Shedd Institute
 Thursday May 17

for tickets (\$8):
tickets.theshedd.org/8888/9010



AT THE LODGE

Thursday April 13, 4:30–7:30 PM
 Come join the fun!

COLLEEN MILLIMAN

OBSIDIAN COLLEEN MILLIMAN WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO SET HER FOURTH WORLD TRACK RECORD on May 7 at the Hayward Classic on Hayward Field. Admission is free. She will be racing in the 95 to 99 year old age group in the 800 meters.

Come for a fun time and cheer her on!



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*Diamond Peak through the trees at Odell overlook. Photo by Lorraine Cuevas.
See the Shelter Cove trip report on page 11.*

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