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## Annual Meeting

**Friday October 13, 6:30 PM at the Lodge**

*Dave Hawkins, Board President*

**M**EMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING on October 13 at the Lodge. A social half hour will begin at 6:30 with ice cream donated by Prince Pucklers followed by the meeting at 7 PM. Guests who would like to learn more about our organization are certainly welcome as well.

Three new Board members for 2023 will be elected. Read about the Board nominees on page 4. The members will also vote on Board recommended updates to the Obsidian Bylaws after an overview of the highlights which appear in this *Bulletin*. We will be voting on elevating Lana Lindstrom to Honorary Membership due to her distinguished service to this organization over many years. There may be other matters to apprise the members as well. Climb, trip, and leader awards will be presented at the meeting. We will also remember those Obsidians who have passed since our last meeting.



## Time to Renew Your Membership

*Diane Schechter, Membership Chair*

**I**T'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. This year we have made a few changes to our renewal process. The majority of our members receive their *Bulletin* online and this trend is continuing to increase. We have changed our process to respond to the continued growth in our membership and the decrease in those requesting a mailed *Bulletin*.

This year all members will receive an email with a renewal form to download. Members who receive a mailed *Bulletin* also will have a renewal form included in the September issue. We hope this will make renewing easier and more efficient for our membership. Membership fees are \$35 a year and are due by November 1.

Unfortunately, our website upgrade has been delayed, and we are sorry that we are not able to offer online payment at this time.

Member benefits include free activities such as hikes, climbs, and other trips. In addition, members are not assessed the daily fee for bus trips or multi-day trips.

We rely on our members to keep our club vibrant. Take a look at the reverse side of the renewal form for ways you can help. We especially need leaders. The more leaders we have—the more trips we can offer!

# Proposed 2023 Obsidian Bylaw Changes

Maryanne Reiter, Board Member

A SMALL GROUP OF OBSIDIANS MET TO REVIEW THE CURRENT BYLAWS for any needed changes. Over the course of several weeks we edited the Bylaws document to both reflect the current operations of the Club and to clean up verbiage to make it clearer. There were several small editorial changes to the Bylaws that we went ahead and already incorporated for ease of reviewing. Below are the changes we feel are more substantial and need membership approval before adopting.

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

In Section 1 of this Article we moved the sentence about what class of members have the right to vote to a lower section (see Section 6), so that Section 1 indicates the four classes of membership: Active, Junior, Honorary, and Life.

In Section 2 we indicated that any person 18 years or older may become an Active Member by submitting an application and paying annual dues.

In Section 3 on Junior members we indicated that a person under 18 years of age may become a Junior member by submitting an application. We also removed the part about the person needs to be of good character since that is subjective.

Section 6 now defines who can vote: Members in good standing, Honorary Members, and Life Members. We also define what it means to be in ‘good standing,’ which is paying the annual dues.

Section 7 had been titled Dues Delinquency, but it was changed to Annual Dues. The old verbiage was somewhat confusing so we simplified it to “Members shall pay a yearly membership fee at a rate established by the Board. This fee is due upon joining and annually thereafter,” which we felt was more straightforward.

## ARTICLE IV—GOVERNMENT

### SECTION 2. OFFICERS

We added a definition of the duties of the Secretary since it had not been previously included in the Bylaws. Our addition is, “It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record and keep the minutes of all Board, Annual and Special Meetings.”

*(Continued on page 6)*

## Welcome New Members!

**Brooke Agrue**  
Eugene, OR 97403

**Cynthia Balkcom**  
Springfield, OR 97477

**Eva Burgess**  
Eugene, OR 97403

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Gresham, OR 97030

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Eugene, OR 97404

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Stewardship..... Jorry Rolfe/Darko Sojak  
Summer Camp.....Lana Lindstrom  
Summer Trips.....Dave Cooper  
Winter Trips.....Dave Cooper

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# Nomination for Obsidian Honorary Membership 2023:

Lana Lindstrom

Tireless supporter, valued member

**WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY NOMINATE LANA LINDSTROM FOR OBSIDIAN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN 2023 AS THE TWENTY-THIRD MEMBER SO HONORED.** Lana has rendered distinguished services to the Club. The reasons for this nomination are abundant as Lana is an avid Obsidian member and passionate outdoor enthusiast, demonstrating unwavering and tireless Club dedication and leadership over many years. Her enduring promotion and advocacy, time, and energy have strengthened the Obsidians for years and helped to establish a vision for the future.

Lana has led trips, her first being a cross-country ski trip to Gold Lake on Christmas Day, 1999, after having joined the Obsidians in August, 1999. Many interesting and adventuresome trips and activities that she led since then include hikes, extended trips, paddle trips, bike rides, and Summer Camp. You could count on her annual favorites: Mt. June and Turkey Trimming. Lana has been Camp Boss at four very successful locations, been Camp Chair or Camp Boss at seven Summer Camps, been involved in many more, and has repeatedly mastered food operations for campers' hungry appetites.

Lana has served on multiple committees and on the Board, chaired many committees, and mentored new members. We can always count on her steady and smooth hand as a leader at meetings that involve organizing and planning, analysis and problem solving, identifying, and accomplishing goals—all while ensuring members present are heard and appreciated. Her Lodge presentations always gather a crowd; we draw inspiration from her awesome talks and slides. And for years she made sure that while pot-lucks fed us, many presenters also entertained us. Always wanting the Club to thrive, Lana hardly misses an opportunity to mentor or serve with skill and grace.

The Lana we know is a seasoned adventurer and world traveler, but it is clear that she is devoted to our Pacific Northwest, our wildernesses, and special places. As a lover of wildflowers, of our environment (land and water), and of all our natural world, Lana both provides and takes opportunities to relate to the beauty of the world around us. We thank her for offering us many personal experiences to learn about and to be in the out-of-doors.

Lana Lindstrom wholeheartedly embodies the Obsidian mission and values: connecting our community and valuing fun, exploration, and service. She inspires and makes an impact, above and beyond. She is an exceptional nominee to become an Obsidian Honorary Member.

Nominated and Endorsed by: Dave Hawkins, Denise Bean, Russ Davies, Jean Harris, Laura Osinga, Maryanne Reiter, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Dave Cooper



## Trip and Leader Awards

**T**HE LIBRARIAN/HISTORIAN COMMITTEE HAS CONTACTED fourteen members who will receive an award at the October annual meeting and/or on an Obsidian activity. Trip patches were first awarded in 2002, followed by the leader patches in 2005. If you would like to check your activity totals, go to the Obsidian webpage and log in to the Online Trip Signup. Click on the My Trips tab. Then choose Trip Summary to view your totals. If you have questions contact Janet Jacobsen at [bjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:bjacobsen@comcast.net).



*Annual Meeting 2022: Karen Yoerger and Lisa Van Liefde received their 25 Leader awards.*



# 2023 Board Nominees

## Lisa Van Liefde



**I** MOVED TO EUGENE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE FALL OF 2017 after visiting my son, who would eventually attend and graduate from the UO. I joined the Obsidians as soon as I arrived. I'm a life-long hiker and camper, including many years of Girl Scouting, which taught me fundamental outdoor skills. My three children also learned to love the outdoors, as our annual vacations included week-long camping trips to Sequoia National Park, Yosemite, and Big Sur. They still enjoy camping, backpacking, and hiking as adults.

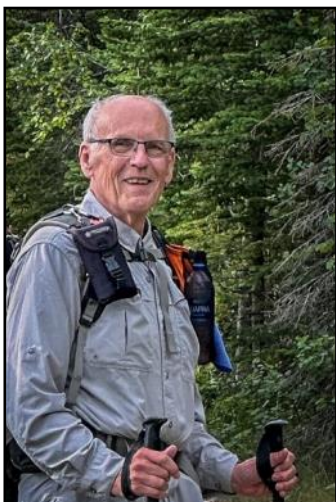
The Obsidians offered the opportunity to see parts of Oregon I would not have otherwise. It only took a few seasons for me to feel comfortable enough to begin leading hikes. The Obsidians have wonderful volunteers who support and encourage anyone to lead. Because I work fulltime, (my background includes co-owning a natural stone import/supply business, and currently being employed at the UO) I discovered the need for more after-work hikes during the summer/extended daylight months, which I've enjoyed leading for the past few years. I've also participated in two committees: the New Leader Task Group and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Eugene, Oregon feels like home to me now. Being an Obsidian was key to that transition. The members, hikes, extended trips, service project opportunities, and pot-lucks combine to make a great organization in which to invest my time.

And a plug for new leaders—we need you! I encourage everyone to lead a hike! There are many wonderful Obsidian members who are happy to assist you in making any trip a success. The more folks who lead, the more opportunities there are for all of us to experience nature!

## Sue Zeni

**I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE OBSIDIAN BOARD** because the position combines some of my many interests and passions. They include a love of the outdoors as well as a hankering for participating in a group that strategizes on how to run smoothly and successfully into the ever evolving future. I am a climber, hiker, backpacker, biker, and tree grower. In addition, I am an engineer and a small business owner. I am currently the Chair of the Obsidians Finance Committee and am President of Eugene Mountain Rescue. The Obsidians club is an asset to the Eugene community, and I would be pleased to help position the group to continue to thrive as we head toward the 100<sup>th</sup> year of operation!



## Dave Cooper

**IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT DAVE COOPER IS WILLING TO SERVE A THIRD TERM** on the Obsidian Board. Since he joined in 2014, he has gone on 775 trips and led 114. He served as secretary before chairing the Lodge Building Committee and also the Summer/Winter Trips Committees. Dave handles the Lodge rentals, maintenance, electrical issues, and more. He enthusiastically supports the trip leaders by making the process more efficient and easier to recruit new leaders. His experience and knowledge of the Club's members and activities give him a valuable voice on the Board. He also interacts with the wider outdoor community through his trail work with High Cascade Forest Volunteers. He knows that sharing through organized activities is one of the great benefits of being an Obsidian.

*written by Janet Jacobsen*

# JULY BOARD NOTES

## From Minutes by Angela Ruzicka July 5, 2023

President Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Russ Davies, Jean Harris, Laura Osinga, Maryanne Reiter, Denise Rubenstein, and Angie Ruzicka. Others present: Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Diane Schechter, Sue Zeni.

The Board approved the minutes for June 2023 presented by Denise Rubenstein.

**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 is planning a one-day, fall color bus trip to Odell Lake Lodge in the first week of October.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** Due to a high chance of lightning, the June climbs of Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Thielsen were postponed. Diamond Peak, which was rescheduled from an earlier date, was the only climb in June that went. Unfortunately, the rescheduled Mt. Jefferson climb was canceled due to an injured leader and concerns over snow conditions. Likewise, Middle Sister, which was scheduled for the July 1 weekend was canceled due to concerns over conditions after several reports of rockfall on the summit approach. A total of \$60 in revenue came from the Diamond Peak climb.

**Finance (Susan Zeni):** Our accident insurance policy was renewed in June. It has gone up 33% to \$1586/year. The insurance broker estimates that it will come down if we go a year without a claim.

**Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop):** Ten Obsidians showed up at the Lodge on June 16 to mow, weed, move mulch, and power wash the steps. During our break, we enjoyed goodies while discussing our adventures this summer. Thanks to Vern Marsonette for purchasing a part and repairing the power washer. Other workers: Linda Anson, Charlie Ashmore, Rob Castleberry, Clara Emlen, John Hegg, Brenda Kameenui, Sandra Larsen, Jim Northrop, and Nancy Whitfield.

**Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** The committee provided the research for the July *Bulletin* In Memoriam for Velma Shirk. The top of her log sheet has the blue and red star for earning the Three Peak and Ten Peak award.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** Total membership—514. New members: Nancy Deboard, Roxanne Hetzer, Kim Hunton, Sarah Nachbar, Miranda Trieston.

**Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak):** Two trail maintenance outings led by Matt Bell were held in June.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom):** For the first time in 14 years, we have less than the maximum number of participants signed up and that's okay. We're already exploring group camp options for 2024; reservations need to be made 365 days in advance. Any ideas?

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** We had 33 trips this month and will have collected \$29 in fees from nonmembers once all trips are approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Web Design Project Update (Dave Hawkins):** We have provided Revolution with a list of items we need. Seth will provide cost estimates and the Board will make final decisions.

**Bylaws Revision Action (Bylaws Committee):** Five members need to sign the revisions to the Bylaws before they can be presented to the membership in October (done). Highlights of revisions include: defined active membership, clarified who can act as a board member and vote (all except junior members), annual dues, simplified language, spelled out the duties of the Board secretary, removed language requiring the treasurer and a Board member to sign checks, added Article 11 about non-discrimination and Article 12 dissolution of the Obsidians. Motion for the Board to support the changes in the Bylaws—motion passed. We will need to email the membership one month before the vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Future Membership Renewal Issues (Lana):** Discussed three options for this year—leave the membership year for all as October 1, a rolling process, a hybrid process. Decided on Membership process for this year: Send an e-mail using Mail Chimp to all members with an attachment to download the renewal membership form, include a paper copy of the renewal form for only those who receive the *Bulletin* in the mail (about 30 percent), use Stripe with a test group manually for paying online until it can be integrated into the new website. Sue Zeni is looking into whether it would be possible to use Stripe for additional donations.

**Diversity Task Group Matters (Maryanne Reiter):** Some leaders are taking time to do a land recognition at the beginning of their hikes. OSU has resources for looking at a map to determine what tribe's land we are on. Suggestion to check with tribes to make sure that we're doing it appropriately.

**Electrical Work Quotes, etc. (Dave Cooper):** Quote to replace all the fluorescent lights to LED for \$3,473. In addition, it would be nice to have the ability to dim lights especially for potlucks and other presentations. It may be possible to get grant money from EWEB to help with cost. Motion passed to allow Dave to spend up to \$4,000 to find a contractor to make lighting changes.

**Property Tax Exemption Report (Denise Bean):** Now that we're a 501c3 organization we can apply for a property tax exemption. If we get our application in before April 1, 2024 it will be considered for 2024 tax year. Propose to wait until after the Bylaws changes are approved to submit the application; we will revisit in November.

## OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

**Donations:** Jim Northrop will organize and facilitate a 2-hour meeting related to requesting and acknowledging donations. An open invitation will be in July's *Bulletin*.

**Late Cancellations:** Discussion about the impact of late cancellations on leaders and trips, especially when a permit is involved. Floated the idea of writing a newsletter article(s).

## ADJOURNMENT

*(Proposed Bylaws Changes continued from page 2)*

**ARTICLE VII—FINANCES**

In Section 1 of Article VII Finances we clarified the duties of the Treasurer as well as moving that subsection to the beginning of Section 1.

**SECTION 1.** The finances of the Club shall be governed as follows:

The Treasurer shall pay expenses by check or electronic fund transfer. All payments shall be authorized by the Board. In the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the Secretary or a member of the Finance Committee approved by the Board shall assume this duty.

The Treasurer shall receive and disperse all monies from Club funds/accounts unless the Policies and Practices specifically allow a committee or other entity to do so.

**ARTICLE XI—NONDISCRIMINATION**

This is a new Article in the Bylaws, since it did not previously exist in any version of the Bylaws. It reads: “The Obsidians do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability or sexual orientation in any of its activities and operations.”

**ARTICLE XII—DISSOLUTION OF THE OBSIDIANS**

This Article had previously been in the Policies and Practices, but we felt it was important to have it in the Bylaws, so we are proposing to move it there. The text of the article is: “If the Obsidians dissolve, the assets of the organization must be used for charitable purposes. With this requirement in mind, the Board will direct the disposition of assets.”

*The complete proposed changes to the Bylaws can be found in the **Members Area** of the Obsidians website.*

## TRIP REPORTS



### Climbs

**Mt. Thielsen**

**July 8, 2023**

**Leader: Maryanne Reiter**

**Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)**

**W**E LEFT THE TRAILHEAD AT 5:15 AM and started our hike in the coolness of the morning. The mosquitoes were not as bad as we had feared—still there, but not crazy-making. We had an easy hike in and were happy to be on the ridge with the breeze. When we got up to ‘chicken-out ledge’, I set up a fixed line for the climbers and waited up top. There were other folks there, but we had plenty of room. Once all eight Obsidians were on the summit, we had our picture taken and began the rappel down. Patrick McMurdo, the climb assistant, rapped first and waited on the bottom for the others. Up top, I made sure that everyone hooked up their rappel correctly, and when everyone was done, I rapped down to join the group. We headed down and made it back to the cars around 14:30. Everyone had a great time! Members: Maria Chaderina, Steve Davis, Bill Lowder, Patrick McMurdo, Maryanne Reiter. Nonmembers: Mark Samuelson, Miranda Trieston, Joshua Gramley.

**Mt. Thielsen**

**July 22, 2023**

**Leader: Jennifer Marlow**

**Assistant Leader: Maryanne Reiter**

**Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)**

**OUR GROUP OF EIGHT CLIMBERS SET OFF** for the summit of Mount Thielsen at 0500 on the day of our climb. The team

was strong and morale was high, with several participants who had never summited the mountain before. We made great time to the base of our technical climb at ‘chicken ledge’ and proceeded to set up a fixed line for climbers to ascend the final summit block. Everyone on our team made it to the pinnacle of Mt. Thielsen that day and enjoyed beautiful views (although slightly smoky) of the surrounding terrain. The top of Mt. Thielsen is the only place on land where the crystal blue waters of Crater Lake can be seen (other than the rim of the lake itself) and we took a few moments to enjoy our surroundings and snap some photos. We rappelled the single pitch back down from summit to the ledge and then proceeded with the hot and dusty hike back to the trailhead. We returned to our vehicles at three o’clock in the afternoon and enjoyed cold beverages in the parking lot while signing the summit register book and chatting about the day. Overall, it was a fun and successful summit with an excellent group of climbers. Great job team! Members: Courtney Brost, Jane Leng, Jennifer Marlow, David Morris, Maryanne Reiter, Linda Sato. Nonmembers: Garney Hamilton, Drew Jacobson.

**Mt. Washington**

**July 29, 2023**

**Leader: Marci Hansen**

**Assistant Leader: Jill Butler**

**Climb: 10.5 miles, 3,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**SIX OBSIDIANS SUMMITED MT. WASHINGTON.** It was smoky and the views weren’t very good, but no one felt short of breath. Temperatures were fine, low–mid 70s. We parked at the PCT trailhead. We stopped and looked at the cutoff at the Patjens trailhead. It looks like that could be open again and is worth exploring. It was an 11-hour trip from car to car. As our team of six was descending with our packs from the notch, a group of eight Mazamas was trying to start climbing. In doing so, they knocked off a 2’ x 3’ rock. It took a bounce toward a



couple of our team members. It was very scary. It's hard to explain if you haven't been on Washington, but they were starting the climb in what we perceived to be an extremely unsafe way. Marge (my assistant) and I were concerned for the safety of their team, but it turned out that we were the ones in danger from their actions. The moral of the story: be very, very careful in the gully below the notch if other people are on the route, as you are in the fall line. Every Obsidian climber was fine and unharmed although a couple of people were very scared seeing a rock come so close. The new climbers learned a good lesson about the seriousness of rockfall in the Cascades. Members: Steve Davis, Marci Hansen, Jane Leng, Dewayde Perry, Miranda Trieston. Nonmembers: Marge Huseman.

## Broken Top

August 12, 2023

Leader: Scott Timms

Photographer: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 17 miles, 3,900 ft. (Difficult)

A SMALL BUT SCRAPPY CREW OF FIVE left from the Green Lakes Trailhead at 5:45 AM with the goal of climbing Broken Top. Smoky skies threatened to ruin the fun, but these were thankfully whisked away and a blue sky was left in their place. Upon climbing the small 5<sup>th</sup>-class step and traversing the catwalk, we were rewarded with mountain views as far north as Mt. Adams. A solid group with lots of laughs led to a fun day out in the mountains! Members: Maryanne Reiter, Trina Reiter, Doug Sandburg, Scott Timms. Nonmembers: Joshua Arreola.



*Josh on the rappel.*

## Mt. McLoughlin

August 19, 2023

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Climb: 10.5 miles, 4,000 ft. (Difficult)

WE GOT AN EARLY START TO BEAT THE HEAT and were glad that we did. Some mosquitoes in the lower elevations kept us moving. There was a haze all day and we reported one smoke south of the mountain, but were otherwise unaffected by the surrounding wildfires. This was the first time up McLoughlin for three of the four climbers, which made the summit that much more rewarding. Great work by everyone! Members:

Trina Reiter, Scott Timms, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: Sonali Doshi.



## Backpacks

### Muir Creek / Upper Rogue Wilderness

June 23, 2023

Leader: Russ Davies

Backpack: 16 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

**G**IANT TREES AND GIANT MOSQUITOES. Crystal clear streams and intermittent wild flower meadows beginning their bloom. Lots of downed trees to negotiate, streams to cross, and effort to find trails. A gorgeous area with many surprises worthy of further exploration. Members: Russ Davies, Becky Lipton.

### Sky Lakes Perseids

August 11, 2023

Leader: Russ Davies

Backpack: 18 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

WE LEFT WORK NOT QUITE EARLY ENOUGH on Friday afternoon, passed through the hazy Armageddon of Oakridge and Willamette Pass, and rolled down Hwy. 97 to the Sky Lakes Wilderness, a 113,000-acre reserve south of Crater Lake that is dotted with old growth pine and small lakes. After leaving the smoke up north, it was a beautiful afternoon as we crossed the steers' paradise of Fort Klamath and arrived at the Seven-mile Marsh Trailhead with only one hour of daylight left. Off we went, soon merging with the Pacific Crest Trail, on which treading was its own secret thrill, and passed the flat expanse of Grass Lake. In the waning light we could not tell if it was grass or lake—no matter. Headlights out, we hiked on and finally collapsed near Middle Lake after finding the first flat spot among the trees. Although the ostensible reason for the trip was the Perseid meteor shower, when you see 3% of the sky through the treetops, meteors are hard to come by. The next day dawned bright (thank you, sun and Starbucks single-packs). We moved camp to Cliff Lake, a wonderful venue that is a glassy, uncrowded lake under a basalt massif, with shade or sun depending on your mood. In the shallows near our sitting rock was a schoolyard of polliwogs becoming teen frogs, which we took great care not to squish as we filtered water. What to do that day? By consensus, we decided to circumnavigate Devil's Peak, which took us up through the forest, then high around the backside of the peak. Despite being flanked by Lucifer, we felt no menace, and in fact had terrific views of that whole section of Oregon, brought into focus with peanut butter sandwiches and Russ' famed fresh vegetables. Once again, we joined the PCT, and were promptly passed by several young through-hikers (Russ was young once and did the entire trail). After six miles and quite a bit of elevation gain and loss, our mojo was quite happy sleeping and reading the rest of the afternoon at camp. That night, the mosquitoes were turned off by our freeze-dried Mexican food and seemed to have no interest in biting us as we looked again for meteors. A few spectacular streaks were seen, but at 133,000 miles per hour, it was hard to get attached. The next day, after a blessed nine-hour sleep, we packed up and hit the trail back, feeling that we had left our cares at that beautiful camp. Fortunately, the car started, and we chose a different return route,

coming back down the Umpqua River and lunching at the famed Steamboat Inn. It was too hot to sit outside, and too cold inside: we chose inside to keep the waitresses happy. We arrived back on Sunday, refreshed for the next week. Members: Russ Davies, Andrew McIvor.



## Car Camps

### **Cape Perpetua**

**June 27, 2023**

**Leader: Joan Skarda**

**Photographer: Anne Campbell**

**Car Camp: 14 miles, 1,700 ft. (Moderate)**

**WORDS OF INSPIRATION THAT PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTED TO DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCES:** chest-high ferns and tiny flowers in bursts of color line the trail; ancient trees tower overhead; nature at its finest encircles us in a cocoon of peace; listen—varied thrush; morning chorus—fern glade sings; sunshine, sand, seashells; peace, joy, birds, ancient, green, sea views; David Douglas lore, roasted banana delight; nurse logs hosting seeds; mycorrhizae talks with trees; Wilson’s warbler sings; Pacific wren sings; ferns, moss, fungi, ancient trees; babbling brook lulls sleep. Members: Anne Campbell, Sheridan Gates, Nola Nelson, Joan Skarda, Meg Stewart Smith.



## Hikes

### **North Fork Trail (Segment 1)**

**June 25, 2023**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**T**HERE WAS A MOUNTAIN BIKER EVENT IN WESTFIR during the third weekend of June. They had live music, food, 450 bikers, and lots of tents. They were riding the Alpine Trail—maybe starting at Tire Mtn. and coming out at Westfir—but three days of riding somewhere in that area. The whole thing was packing up and leaving as we got there. We lucked out as they were not using the trail that we were hiking

so we had it to ourselves. The day was warm and the river fast and full. We hiked the first section out and back and had a leisurely lunch on the bridge before heading back. There were a few new things in Westfir. A café is across the road from the bridge, but it was not open when we were there. The B&B has added a coffee/snack bar that is open seven days a week—at least during the summer—where we picked up cold drinks. Members: Carla Cooper, Jane Hackett, Sandra Larsen, Debra Messinger, Annette Pfautz, Ginny Reich, Nancy Whitfield. Non-members: Lucy Nelson, Roxanne Hetzer.

### **Macduff Mountain**

**June 28, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)**

**OUR ANNUAL HIKE UP MACDUFF MTN.** has encountered a variety of weather over the years, from cold, wet days with no views, to temperatures over 110 degrees (I canceled the hike that year). This year the hike had comfortable temperatures and clear skies that gave some great views of the Cascades and the McKenzie Valley. This trail is almost completely shaded, making it a great hike for a sunny, warm day. We followed up our hike with a cold drink and delicious meal at Takoda’s restaurant. Members: Heidi Anderson, Ben Brown, Kathie Carpenter, Robert Eriksen, Marti Gerdes, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Jane Leng, Michael Myers, Riccie Shipley, Sandra Sigrist, Dorothy van Winkle.

### **Marion Mountain**

**July 1, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 11 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**A WARM, SUNNY DAY** along with a scattering of mosquitoes greeted our group of 12 for this hike on the first day of July. Due to the mostly shaded trail, we were able to stay cool on our 2,000-foot climb to the summit where we enjoyed the great views. On the return we stopped at Marion Lake, first to marvel at a school of fish leaping out of the water to feed, then to go for a refreshing swim ourselves. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Lorraine Cuevas, Jacquie Fern, Marti Gerdes, Kent Godfrey, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Michael Myers, Gordon Sayre. Nonmembers: Juliet Thompson, Gurumukh Khalsa.

### **Youngs Rock and Moon Point**

**July 2, 2023**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 11.5 miles, 3,350 ft. (Difficult)**

**HOT DAY; SOUTH-FACING SLOPES;** sections of narrow, loose, steep, and difficult path; meadow with wildflowers; and clear sky views. A rock-solid group of Obsidians friends and 11.5 miles under dusty boots equaled pure pleasure. Grateful. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Ane McKee, Sam Miller, David Morris, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Darko Sojak.

### **Patterson Mountain**

**July 2, 2023**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 4.6 miles, 600 ft. (Easy)**

**TURNED OUT THIS TRIP WAS NEITHER TOO HOT NOR TOO COLD.** Beautiful day, great views of all the Three Sisters and Broken Top. We probably caught the tail end of the wildflowers for this elevation. Paintbrush, queen’s cup, bunchberry, bear grass, and a few others, but not many of any of them.



Lone Wolf Shelter remains in good shape. The trail was dry and clear with no downed trees to climb over. Two groups of bikers were on the trail, but the timing was perfect as one was leaving as we arrived and the second was arriving when we were almost back to the cars. Members: Heidi Anderson, Robert Eriksen, Jane Hackett, Janice Silvestri, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Sandra Thompson.

## Obsidians Butte to Butte

July 4, 2023

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE OBSIDIANS FRIENDS and, along with over 4,000 runners and walkers, to participate in Eugene's *Rexius OTC Butte to Butte* once again. Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Marguerite Cooney, Wesley Curtis, Whitney Gould, Vicky Hanson, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Diana Masarie, Jeffrey Rusow, Karla Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Sam Tracer, Lisa Van Liefde.

## Tunnel Falls

July 5, 2023

Leader & Photographer: Steven Johnson

Hike: 12 miles, 1,200 ft. (Difficult)

DESPITE RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES, four intrepid hikers decided to persevere on this hike in the Columbia Gorge. We hiked seven miles up the Eagle Creek Trail past 13 waterfalls including beautiful Tunnel Falls. On the return hike we stopped at Four and a Half Mile Bridge for a chilly but refreshing swim. By the time we reached our trailhead, we'd hiked 14 miles and the temperature had reached 98 degrees. Before our 2½-hour drive home, we stopped at Cascade Locks for dinner at Thunder Island Brewery. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Steven Johnson, Riccie Shipley. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.



*Riccie, Arjen, and Kathie on the Tunnel Falls Trail.*

## Cone Peak / Iron Mountain

July 5, 2023

Leader: Jonathan Jost

Assistant Leader: Lynn Stearney

Hike: 8 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL (SUNNY) BUT HOT DAY FOR THIS HIKE. The hike was done in a counterclockwise loop, passing by Cone Peak before proceeding onto the spur trail to Iron Mountain with its viewing platform. Thankfully, a good portion of this trail is in the shade, and the shade is where we

chose for our water and lunch stops. The group moved along swiftly in order to complete the circuit before the temperature was expected to reach over 90 degrees. The wildflowers were amazing with several fields completely covered in vibrant colors. Members: Kristen Anderson, Paula Anderson, Keiko Bryan, Robert Eriksen, Jean Harris, Jonathan Jost, Lynn Stearney, Maureen Whalen, Todd Witten. Nonmembers: Michael Rowe.

## Cascade Head

July 7, 2023

Leader: Buzz Blumm

Hike: 4.2 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US MADE THIS TRIP. We picked up Evelyn near her Newport residence and proceeded north through Lincoln City to the trailhead. The weather was gloomy and we expected a foggy hike with no views. How wrong we were! It remained overcast and cool but with clear and beautiful views of the ocean, shoreline, and surrounding landscape. Wildflowers were abundant and spectacular, the trail was dry, and the footing was solid. No elk in sight this time. After the hike, we gloated over coffee at Ultralife in downtown Newport—truly great coffee by the way. Members: Buzz Blumm, Evelyn Nagy. Nonmembers: Madeline Blumm.

## Koosah and Sahalie to Tamolitch

July 7, 2023

Leader: Valerie Metcalfe

Hike: 10.2 miles, 600 ft. (Difficult)

OUR SMALL GROUP GOT AN EARLY START knowing that we had a long hike ahead. We decided to first head west from Koosah Falls past Carmen Smith Reservoir down to Blue Pool. We noticed how overrun the area around Blue Pool has become, but we still paused for a snack and enjoyed its crystal clear beauty. We then backtracked, being careful not to trip on the many exposed roots and rocks on the trail. We continued around the Koosah and Sahalie Falls loop and the gushing turquoise river kept us cool as the temperature rose in the afternoon. We didn't encounter too many mountain bikers, but those we did see courteously shared the trail. Members: Jean Harris, Valerie Metcalfe, June Miller.

## Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

July 8, 2023

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

DELIGHTING IN COOL TEMPERATURES, seven guests joined five members for an informative hike to and from Hendricks Park. Many questions were asked and answered along the way. Each member had different information to share which made for good discussions. Guests were quite interested in the many types of activities that the Obsidians offer. A big thank you to members who shared their morning, extolling the merits of our club. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jerry Pergamit, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Shelle Borton, Martha Sadler, Tacita Johnson, Lexi Dawson, Brooke Agrue, Dave Belyea, Lori Stein.

## Canyon Creek Meadows

July 8, 2023

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 8 miles, 1,400 ft. (Difficult)

CANYON CREEK MEADOW'S COMBINATION OF BEAUTIFUL MEADOWS AND GREAT VIEWS makes it one of my favorite

hikes. As an added bonus this day we were also able to enjoy watching two dozen mountain goats graze on the flanks of Three Fingered Jack while we had our lunch break. On the hike out some of our group stopped at Jack Lake for a refreshing swim before heading home. Members: Kathie Carpenter, David Clinger, Fred Crafts, Lorraine Cuevas, Jacquie Fern, Marti Gerdes, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Sam Miller, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Gary Rippa.

## **Browder Ridge**

**July 10, 2023**

**Leader: Karen Yoerger**

**Hike: 8.4 miles, 2,200 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE WEATHER WAS JUST RIGHT** for our hike to Browder Ridge, sunny and warm with a nice breeze. We paused as we ascended the initial mile of switchbacks to enjoy the white-petaled flowers: bunchberry (four petals), windflower (five), queen's cup (six), and western starflower (mostly seven). We also found several nice clumps of candystick. The first meadow included bracken fern, tall bluebells, wild ginger, and coneflower. At the first rocky outcrop, we emerged to a view of the snow-covered Three Sisters, and we took a break while we chatted with a small group of Chemeketans. The bear grass along the wooded ridge was mostly done blooming, but we enjoyed seeing a stem of Cascade lilies and more great views. The snow was long gone from the summit trail section, as were the trillium blooms, but there was an impressive patch of bright green corn lily. The steep meadows below the cliffs displayed nice combinations of scarlet gilia and red columbine with purple-blue larkspur and small-flowered penstemon. Our group completed the scramble up the rocky ridge with ease and arrived at the broad, open summit for a pleasant lunch with views from Diamond Peak to Mt. Hood. During the day we met a mountain biker and about a dozen other hikers—more people than I have seen on any previous Browder hike. When we were almost back to the cars, one of us was stung by a wasp from a ground nest near the trail—a good reminder to check the expiration date of the Benadryl and the 'juice' in the Sting-Ease wipes in your first aid kit. Members: Annie Chan, Elizabeth Grant, Michael Heidelberg, Elizabeth Koch, Ane McKee, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.

## **Millican Crater Explora Hike**

**July 15, 2023**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 7.5 miles, 1,150 ft. (Moderate)**

**IT WAS NOON ON SATURDAY** when two of us reached the east side of the Millican Crater trail. Avidity was our best friend on the spooky, hot, and dusty trail #4066. Lightning changed the entire area in the fall of 2012 when the Pole Creek fire spread over 40 square miles and consumed thousands of lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir. Ghost trees are still standing and thousands more have already fallen, making large areas almost impassable. Instead of a planned Millican Crater exploratory scramble, we decided to go farther in search of a good view. Our destination was the southeast flank of Harlow Crater where we had a pretty good view of the Three Sisters and Broken Top. The thermometer showed 94°F when we returned to the trailhead. After a well-deserved dinner in Sisters, we drove to the Black Crater trailhead on Hwy. 242 where we saw a spectacular sunset and had a peaceful night. Members: Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

## **Paradise Park**

**July 12, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Photographer: Jane Leng**

**Hike: 13 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)**

**TEMPERATURES IN THE 60s** and partly cloudy skies greeted our group of four at Timberline Lodge, making for a perfect day to hike to Paradise Park. The streams were still running high enough for beautiful waterfalls but also challenging stream crossings. Fortunately, there were enough strategically placed rocks to keep us from having to wade. Paradise Park itself was beautiful as always with some wildflowers, but we were a week or two early for the season's peak. We finished our 14-mile hike by 5 PM and stopped at the Zig Zag Inn for dinner before driving home. Members: Steven Johnson, Jane Leng, Barbara Orsi, Riccie Shipley.



*Paradise Park Trail*

## **Martin Lake**

**July 15, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 9.5 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)**

**I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED THIS HIKE** in past years because its lack of trees gives it great views and bountiful wildflowers. However, this year the hike fell on one of the year's hottest days, making the rare surviving tree along our route a welcome stop for some shade. We had our lunch at Martin Lake where two of our group went for a swim. After Martin, we hiked three miles of a very hot Old Summit Trail and arrived at Square Lake. There we had another refreshing swim before finishing our loop hike back to the Santiam trailhead. Members: Annie Chan, Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Michael Heidelberg, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Barbara Orsi, Diane Repp, Sandra Sigris, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Arjen Hoekstra.

## **Black Crater Sunrise**

**July 16, 2023**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 8 miles, 2,355 ft. (Difficult)**

**IN ANTICIPATION OF A STRIKING SUNRISE**, it was not difficult to wake up at three-thirty. Equipped with our trusty headlamps, we hit Black Crater trail at four o'clock. The steep trail was littered with hundreds of dead trees from the 2012 Pole Creek fire. Just moments from our start, the blush of the new day came from the east. It's always amazing to see, no matter how many times you experience the magic of a sunrise in the mountains. We were rewarded with a light breeze, crisp mountain air, an abundance of wildflowers, and a spectacular



view from the 7,250-foot rocky summit. We agreed that this was the best way to spend our Sunday. Members: Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

## **Menagerie Wilderness**

**July 17, 2023**

**Leader: Gordon Sayre**

**Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,400 ft. (Difficult)**

**TWO HIKERS CANCELLED THAT MORNING**, so just two of us drove to the Foster Lake overlook in Sweet Home to meet Paul. His local knowledge was essential because a spring/summer raptor-nesting closure prohibited us from hiking to the larger spires in the Menagerie Wilderness, such as the Rabbit Ears and the Turkey Monster. That would be a long day from the trailhead on Highway 20 in any case. Paul guided Liz and Gordon to see the Chicken and the Hen, just downslope from Rooster Rock, the most common goal for hikers on this trail. All three formations have bolts and routes on them, and Paul recounted some of his memories from a life of rock climbing in Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming. For three climbers dreaming of great routes, this was a pleasurable way to spend a cool, sunny day in the Cascades. Members: Gordon Sayre, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Liz Bohls.

## **Evening Hike—Dorris Ranch**

**July 18, 2023**

**Leader: Lisa Van Liefde**

**Hike: 4.5 miles, (Easy)**

**GREAT EVENING HIKE** along the confluence of the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette River. Welcomed a few new members! Members: Nancy Deboard, Whitney Gould, Gwyneth Iredale, Sandra Larsen, Debra Messinger, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Annette Pfautz, Ginny Reich, Lisa Van Liefde, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Emily Baker.

## **Erma Bell Lakes Loop**

**July 19, 2023**

**Leader: Ane McKee**

**Assistant Leader: Jean Harris**

**Hike: 8.4 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)**

**OTHER THAN SEEING TWO BACKPACKERS** ending their journey as we arrived at the trailhead, and then two Forest Service workers near the end of our hike, our group of 11 had the trail all to ourselves. We came across two different piles of bear scat and were pretty relieved not see the sources of those. The trail was in good condition up through the Erma Bells, but was somewhat overgrown as we hiked past Williams and Otter Lakes. The weather was perfect but mosquitoes hungrily greeted us on the trail, especially when we stopped to look at flowers or take a drink of water. Luckily, they were on their lunch break when we stopped to have our lunch. It was nice to get out of the valley heat to go on this beautiful hike. Members: Heidi Anderson, LaRee Beckley, Robert Eriksen, May Fogg, Jean Harris, Elizabeth Koch, Ane McKee, Evelyn Nagy, Sandra Sigrist, Dorothy van Winkle, Maureen Whalen.

## **Camp Lake**

**July 19, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas**

**Hike: 14 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**IT'S COMMON NOWADAYS** for many of our hikes to be through burn areas. The hike to Camp Lake goes through almost four miles of the 2012 Pole Creek burn, giving our group of six

hikers plenty of sun exposure. Add in about 100 trees obstructing the trail and this was a challenging 15-mile hike. The payoffs were the crystal-clear waters of Camp Lake and the close-up views of the Sisters. After enjoying a swim in the lake, we hiked back the seven plus miles to our trailhead at Pole Creek and drove to Sisters for dinner. Members: Ben Brown, Annie Chan, Lorraine Cuevas, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Riccie Shipley.



*Camp Lake*

## **Cone Peak & Iron Mtn.**

**July 21, 2023**

**Leader: Lana Lindstrom**

**Hike: 8 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)**

**IT WAS A GREAT GROUP** with two women doing their very first hike with the Obsidians and one doing her second! We did the loop counterclockwise, starting toward Cone Peak. It was a warm day to huff and puff on the steep ascent to Iron Mountain but we were rewarded with views of all the major Cascade peaks during a leisurely lunch at the top. We were about a week late for prime wildflowers but we still saw many varieties, including three of the rare Washington lilies in full bloom. A fabulous day! Members: Lana Lindstrom, Michael Heidelberg, Ane McKee, David Reinhard, Emily Rice, Angie Ruzicka. Nonmembers: Chris Kellow, Cynthia Balkcom, Ann Hinnen.

## **Annual Beach Barefoot Hike**

**July 22, 2023**

**Leader: Darko Sojak**

**Hike: 7 miles, 100 ft. (Moderate)**

**SUN, WIND, SAND, OCEAN, AND FRIENDS.** Barefoot beach hike will not disappoint. Members: Linda Anson, Kathie Carpenter, Joyce Cedarlund, Vern Cedarlund, Marguerite Cooney, May Fogg, Vicky Hanson, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Helen Martz, Rachelle Masin, Michael Myers, Evelyn Nagy, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Joan Skarda, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Juliet Thompson. Nonmembers: Dominick Cedarlund.

## **Cowhorn Mountain**

**July 22, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 12 miles, 2,900 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A HIKE UP COWHORN MOUNTAIN.**



However, due to the road from Crescent Lake being too rutted for our vehicle, the hike was changed to Lakeview Mtn. We started at the Fawn Lake trailhead and hiked past Fawn Lake to Saddle Lake. Our group then decided that it was just too hot of a day to slog up Lakeview Mtn., so instead we hiked back to Fawn Lake to take a very refreshing swim before heading back to the trailhead. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Russ Davies, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham. Nonmembers: Gurumukh Khalsa.

## **South Eugene Meadows Tour**

**July 22, 2023**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 2 miles, 130 ft. (Easy)**

**TEN OF US FIT OUR FIVE CARS INTO THE SMALL TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT** where we met our guide, John Winquist, a Eugene Parks Foundation (EPF) board member. Along the trail, by upland prairie, oak savannas, and oak woodlands, John pointed out and discussed the locations of the proposed three-mile trail, the park boundaries, the easements, and the role of EPF. John Winquist has worked 20-plus years to implement his vision of connecting the trails to Iris Ridge. He is an inspiration to all of us who often say that we are so fortunate to have the Ridgeline Trails. Dave Predeek shared how he was involved around 2008 when the city acquired the property to expand the Ridgeline Trail. See the May 2023 *Bulletin* front page article for more information. It was a warm morning, so we welcomed a stop in the shade for chilled marionberry muffins—until the yellow jackets joined us. More tours are planned when the weather is cooler. Members: Lynda Christiansen, Kent Godfrey, Whitney Gould, Mark Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen, Debra Messinger, Patty Neis, Annette Pfautz, Dave Predeek, Ginny Reich

## **Fawn / Stag Lakes**

**July 26, 2023**

**Leader: Steven Johnson**

**Hike: 10.5 miles, 1,320 ft. (Difficult)**

**WHILE I'VE BEEN TO FAWN AND STAG LAKE MANY TIMES** during the winter, I rarely get a chance to visit this area in the summer. Our hike started at the Fawn Lake trailhead. The trail continues past Fawn Lake another 1.5 miles before reaching Stag Lake. It turns out that Stag Lake is not only beautiful, its crystal-clear waters and silt bottom also make it an excellent swimming lake. We returned to our vehicles via the Pretty Lake loop trail for a total of 11 miles. Members: Annie Chan, Robert Eriksen, Marti Gerdes, Michael Heidelberg, Steven Johnson, Jane Leng, Barbara Orsi, Diane Repp.

## **Brice Creek Hike & Water Play**

**July 31, 2023**

**Leader: Jean Harris**

**Hike: 8 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE DAY BEGAN WITH A BIT OF SMOKE IN THE AIR** and perfect temperatures near 60 degrees. Brice Creek Trail is beautiful year-round. Summertime presents low flow with clear water to see the rocks and deep green pools along the way. The timber and rock bluffs, gentle breeze, and bird calls all created a tranquil day. Lunch near the Trestle Creek/Brice Creek confluence allowed for happy feet in the water and the babbling-brook sounds we love. The completion of eight miles back to the Cedar Creek Trailhead provided a satisfying breeze and

80-degree temps. Four happy girls enjoyed this day! Members: Heidi Anderson, Jan Danforth, Jean Harris. Nonmembers: Lucy Nelson.

## **Meteorite and More**

**August 4, 2023**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 2.5 miles, (Easy)**

**WE PARKED AT SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL** and walked to the University of Oregon campus and the Pioneer Cemetery to see Dean John Straub's monument (1853–1932). He was a faculty member for 52 years. Straub initiated a beautification project when there were only two trees on the campus. He also took students on hikes up Spencer Butte. In 1932, he was named the first Honorary Obsidian member. We then strolled to Straub Hall atrium to view the Garrick Imatani sculpture of the Willamette Meteorite (Tomanowos), which is suspended in front of his painting of the Missoula Flood in the Willamette River Basin. Exiting to the courtyard, we examined the wooden sculpture, *The House of Phineas Gage*. Our next stop was the replica of the Willamette meteorite by Peter Helzer (1992) in front of the Museum of Culture and Natural History (MNCH). The signage explained its human history and how it was recognized as Tomanowos—meaning heavenly visitor—by the Clackamas people. The 5.5-ton meteorite was acquired by the American Museum of Natural History in New York City in 1906. The MNCH was a rousing place to tour with free admission (on the first Friday of the month), and with outdoor, child-oriented, Native American exhibits and activities. Rick then guided us to Drake's Deli for campus dining—all you can eat for \$11.95. With so many enticing desserts, I left my marionberry muffins in my pack. We did figure out why the deli was called 'drake.' If you want to know more about the Missoula Flood, call MNCH for info about their weekly talk/tour. Members: Rick Ahrens, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen.

## **Finley Wildlife Refuge**

**August 13, 2023**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 4 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)**

**7:30 IS AN EARLY TIME TO LEAVE**, but it achieved our goal of being done before the worst of the heat. The Woodpecker Trail is closed until fall for rehab so we stopped at some of the birding blinds. We were treated to views of a trio of baby swallows looking down at us at the first blind, and twenty white pelicans at the second blind. It is very dry at Finley right now, but beautiful. The poison oak is bright red. We were done by 11:45 AM just in time for a great lunch at the brew pub in Monroe. Members: Jan Danforth, Jane Hackett, Noah Lee.

## **Threemile Lake**

**August 27, 2023**

**Leader: Jane Hackett**

**Hike: 6 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THIS TRIP** were the Oregon-like weather (overcast skies, mid-60s, misty) and the amount of water in Threemile Lake. The saddest thing was finding three dead murrelets on the beach. Everyone enjoyed lunch on the beach without freezing. Members: Jan Danforth, Jane Hackett, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Becky Lipton, Rachele Masin, Joan Skarda.

**Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes**  
Hikes: 2.2–6.2 miles, 600–1,530 ft. (Moderate)  
Various Leaders:

**Janet Jacobsen: 7/5** 6 Members, 1 Nonmember, **7/7** 9 Members, **7/15** 4 Members

**Corinne Clifford: 7/12** 15 Members

**Denise Rubenstein: 7/19** 9 Members

**Sandra Sigrist: 7/26** 15 Members

**Darian Morray: 8/2** 18 Members, 1 Nonmember

**Mike Smith: 8/9** 4 Members, 1 Nonmember

**Signe Wright: 8/16** 9 Members

**June Miller: 8/23** 12 Members

**Lisa Van Liefde: 8/24** 4 Members

**Ane McKee: 8/30** 19 Members

**Blanton Ridge Hikes**

Hike: 3.6–8.5 miles, 640–1,740 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

Various Leaders:

**Tommy Young: 7/4** 5 Members, **7/11** 5 Members, **7/18** 5 Members, **7/25** 6 Members, **8/8** 4 Members, 1 Nonmember, **8/15** 9 Members, 1 Nonmember, **8/22** 6 Members

**Whitney Gould: 7/26** 4 Members

**Janet Jacobsen: 8/1** 5 Members

**David Cooper: 8/29** 9 Members

**Janet Jacobsen: 8/1** 5 Members

**David Cooper: 8/29** 9 Members

**Mt. Pisgah Hikes**

Hike: 3.5–6.6 miles, 600–1,400 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders:

**Janet Jacobsen, Robert Eriksen: 7/1** 15 Members, 3 Nonmembers

**David Hawkins: 7/21** 9 Members, 1 Nonmember, **8/18** 11 Members

**Darko Sojak, Angie Ruzicka: 7/30** 11 Members

**Heidi Anderson: 8/4** 5 Members

**Lisa Van Liefde: 8/9** 5 Members

**Janet Jacobsen: 8/29** 17 Members, 1 Nonmember



**Stewardship**

**Wild Iris Ridge Trailhead Improvements**

July 26, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

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

**O**UR GROUP MET AT THE WILD IRIS RIDGE TRAILHEAD parking lot for some general trailhead improvements.

We broke into several small groups to focus on our tasks. Tom and Eamon washed and cleaned the kiosk, signs, and porta-potty enclosure. Nathaniel and Fletcher picked up trash before snacking on blackberries and joining the others to clear brush from the fence lines. Denise, Pat, Janet, Dan, and Matt cut back brush—mostly blackberries—from the fences, both manually and with string trimmers. We worked until we reached a good stopping point and then enjoyed snacks provided by Janet. Members: Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Dan Gilmore, Eamon Happy, Tom Happy, Janet Jacobsen, Denise Rubenstein, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Fletcher Bell.

**Canada Thistle Management**

August 30, 2023

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

**FOR THIS OUTING WE RETURNED TO A PROJECT** from several years ago, working to manage thistles in the Spencer Butte Junction Meadow. Our group hiked up to the meadow and split into two groups. One group started by cutting the flowers and seed heads off of Canada and bull thistles. The other group continued to the summit to enjoy the view before returning to the Junction Meadow and starting to work. Our group made quick progress. We even left the seed heads on the native thistles (the few-leaved thistle) in the meadow. Thankfully, they look so different from the invasive thistles that identification is very easy, even from a distance. The only Canada and bull thistle seed heads that we left were deep in the blackberries where we couldn't reach them. We are hopeful that our work helps to slow the spread of the invasive thistles in the Junction Meadow and allows the few-leaved thistle to continue to maintain its small population there. Special thanks go to Clara, as always, for immaculately cleaning the trail-head steps. Members: Mari Baldwin, Matt Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Maureen Whalen.



*Job done!*

**Work Party / Lodge and Grounds**

August 31, 2023

Leader: David Cooper

Assistant Leader: Jim Northrop

**THIS WAS REALLY A GROUNDS WORK PARTY** with a super crew. A lot more was done than just a little mowing and trimming: full-scale pruning so that individual plants can be seen rather than just a wall of green surrounding the Lodge, two small but growing firs were removed so that a young oak and pine have a chance to flourish, more work was done between the fence and the street to give our property more curb appeal, pole saw work took care of some low-hanging branches, and a new tip on the pressure washer made cleaning the walkways at the Lodge even more effective. It's remarkable what 15 diligent Obsidians can accomplish in a short time. Thanks everyone! Members: Heidi Anderson, Linda Anson, Charles Ashmore, Julie Barnas, Rob Castleberry, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, June Miller, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Maryanne Reiter, Jeffrey Rusow, Karla Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Nancy Whitfield.



# Camp Hawkins Summer Camp 2023

*Steve Johnson, Camp Boss*

**A**NOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CAMP OCCURRED IN IDAHO'S BEAUTIFUL SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. Eighty-four participants recently got together to explore this spectacular area. After months of preparation and a 600-mile drive, the setup crew arrived at the Chemeketan Group Campground on Friday, August 4, with a truckload of supplies ready to set up for Sunday's first day of camp. Unfortunately, nature had other ideas as we were hit with a four-hour rainstorm, slowing our progress to a point where we finally gave up and drove to the Smiley Creek Resort for dinner hoping that the next day's weather would cooperate.



*Taking refuge in the truck. Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Not the best weather for setup.  
Photo by Steve Johnson.*



*Bea sets up shower.  
Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Finally, nice weather for setting up.  
Photo by Darko Sojak.*

Saturday was cloudy, but thankfully dry, allowing the crew to mostly complete the setup of the Obsidians' extensive Summer Camp equipment. By 2 PM the next day, setup was finished, and the rest of our group of campers filed in and spread out through the campground to set up their campsites. The Chemeketan Campground is a beautifully situated and secluded site close to the many hikes we were planning for the week. While the new arrivals were trying to set up their tents, we were hit with another rainstorm, but thankfully this one lasted only about an hour, and it turned out to be our last rainstorm of the week.



*Lynn Meacham and  
Angie Ruzicka  
preparing nametags.  
Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Annie Chan and Evelyn Nagy setting up camp.  
Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Campers checking their jobs for the week.  
Photo by Carla Cooper.*





*Ready for Sunday night dinner. Photo by Darko Sojak.*

Meals were more of a challenge than usual as Ketchum is a wealthy area, and our camp was scheduled right in the middle of their busy season. In the end, we had to get four different caterers for our six dinners, and for three of these, we had to drive to town to pick up the food ourselves. Still, it all worked out with excellent meals arriving at close to dinner time. The consensus was that the best meals were those from Raspberys Caterers with their delicious vegetarian lasagna on Wednesday and shepherd's pie on Thursday.

Breakfast was done in a continental style with offerings of oatmeal with a variety of toppings, cereal, fresh fruit, and some great muffins from Costco. During breakfast, campers could go to the lunch table to prepare their lunch from a variety of meats, vegetarian spreads, plus a great selection of cookies, chips, and fruit.



*After the initial morning rush for coffee and tea. Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*After a hot drink comes warm oatmeal for breakfast. Photo by Fred Crafts.*



*Everyone washes their own dishes at camp. Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Announcements, entertainment, and trip reports—and lots of fun—are on the agenda for meetings at the campfire. Photo by Joanna Alexander.*



*Sam Tracer built a welcome campfire every evening. Photo by Fred Crafts.*



*Photo by Holger Krentz.*

*Below: Checking out the offerings on the activities table. Photo by Carla Cooper.*

On Monday activities began with multiple hikes taking off from camp. During the week our group had at least 50 excursions to 22 destinations. The biggest draw of the week was Sawtooth Lake with 40 hikers followed by Antz Basin with 36, Bench Lakes with 34, and Alpine Creek with 23. It wasn't just hikes that our group went on. There were also exploratory adventures to Ketchum, Stanley, and Custer Ghost Town; plus 19 of our group went rafting/kayaking on the Salmon River.







*View from campground—Salmon River headwaters. Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Fishhook Creek. Photo by Diane Repp.*



*Sawtooth Lake. Photo by Peter Kay.  
“We enjoyed dazzling white jagged mountain peaks, lovely wildflowers, and crystal clear waters of mountain streams....” (Sue Wolling)*



*A scramble on the Goat Lake hike. Photo by Darko Sojak.*



*Irene Fries at Goat Lake. Photo by Lorraine Cuevas.  
“The varied blue and green colors of the lake, the clarity of the water, the snow fields teetering over the edge, the sound of the creek falling into the lake, and the overall beauty created such a perfect picture of what Mother Nature shares with us.” (Ane McKee)*





*Besides all the magnificent vistas, there was much to appreciate close up along the trails. Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Alice Lake. Photo by Holger Krentz.*



*White Cloud Wilderness. Photo by Lorraine Cuevas.*



*McDonald Lake. Photo by Karla Rusow.*



*Antz Basin. Photo by Steve Johnson. "...the views were incredible. In every direction we were surrounded by the rugged peaks that make up the Sawtooth, White Cloud, and Hemingway Wilderness areas."  
(Steve Johnson)*



*Pierre Roberts enjoying a higher view of Antz Basin. Photo by Lorraine Cuevas.*





*Bench Lakes. Photo by Bill Wacknov. "Muttering and cursing was heard along the way, but once we reached the fourth lake, all was forgiven. The lake was crystal clear and multi-hued, from emerald green along the shore to deep cobalt in the center." (Bill Wacknov)*



*June and John Miller at Titus Lake. Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Clara Emlen out for her daily spin. Photo by Denise Rubenstein.*



*Photos courtesy of White Cloud Rafting Adventures.*

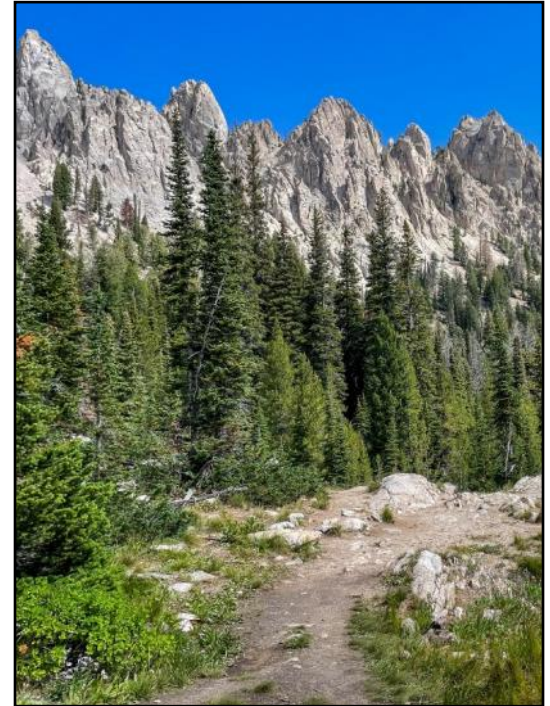




*Monday morning, two shepherders and six dogs brought 900 sheep down past camp. Photo by Carla Cooper.*



*Holger Krentz and Tom Rundle were the last two Obsidians standing thanks to all their Obsidian gear. Photo by Diane Repp.*



*Why they are called the Sawtooths. Photo by Peter Kay.*



*Dave Hawkins at Alice Lake Photo by Holger Krentz.*

**For Dave Hawkins in the Sawtooths**

*Brenda Johnson Kame'enui*

This gentleman here  
 You might not know  
 By name you'd think  
 He's a bird with a glow.  
 This fellow may glow  
 But he's no fowl--  
 Not a bird or a beast  
 Dave Hawkins's no owl.  
 What he is is a fellow  
 With tall talents and skills.  
 He's a generous one  
 So many jobs that he fills.  
 Dave is a numbers guy,  
 CPA by trade and adding for fun.  
 He helps Obsidians do finances  
 So the numbers will run.  
 Dave's reliable and steady  
 Pisgah path every Friday.  
 He pops pickle balls deftly  
 On on all other days.

Thanks, Dave, for your service  
 It's been really swell  
 From Kansas to the Oregon Trail  
 We're glad that you fell...  
 In love with hiking  
 It's your story to tell.  
 From Alpine Creek to Ant's Basin  
 And Hell Roaring to Alpine Lake  
 From Smiley Creek to Stanley  
 Dave Hawkins takes the cake.  
 So tonight we say thanks  
 For your time and those talents  
 From Lang Leng to Lindstrom  
 From Keiko to Clara  
 And Carla Karla to Krentz.  
 From Pierce Porter to Jorry  
 And John June and Jane  
 We're so glad we have come.



## Ode to Lana & Steve in the Sawtooths

*Brenda Johnson Kame'enui*



**Lana Lindstrom,  
Summer Camp Chair**  
*Photo by Steve Johnson.*

I think you know Lana  
She's been here before  
She's captained this ship  
The food and much more.

Lana's in the black cap  
A giddy-up in her gait  
That's quite hard to beat  
For Lana's no lightweight.

At Mt. Baker Lana wore  
A jaunty red cap  
That fire in her step  
Followed her over the map.

She tipped her hat in the Trinities  
Trained cooks in the Strawberries  
Wore the cap in the Rubies  
And Orcas Island on ferries.

Lana hopes to pass on  
The pickles and the torch  
The phone calls and egg salad  
The killer bread on her porch.

She signed Steve as camp boss  
He carries the freight  
She's good at persuading  
For Lana's no lightweight.

Steve hits the trail  
And sets out like lightning  
From Rainier to Redfish  
His pace is quite frightening.

With a quiet demeanor  
Steve welcomes all comers  
Posts maps and drags hoses  
For our sweet week of summer.

We gather again  
With gratitude and thanks  
For all that you've brought us  
On these river banks.

From Lyndell Lisa and Lee  
From Fred Fern and Fontana  
From Cooper Caples and Cooney  
Steve and Lana—you're top bananas.

On Saturday morning, August 12, our camp was taken down and loaded into the truck for the long drive back home. What had taken our setup crew of nine two days to put together only took about three hours to take apart thanks to the help of many other fellow Obsidians.



**Taking down the shower.**  
*Photo by Joanna Alexander.*



**Steve Johnson  
Camp Boss**  
*Photo by Fred Crafts.*



**Dismantling the awning.**  
*Photo by Meg Stewart Smith.*



**Teamwork draining the water.**  
*Photo by Meg Stewart Smith.*

Planning, organizing, and setting up Summer Camp takes a lot of work from a lot of people. Fortunately, the Obsidians is a great source of talented and generous people who are willing to pitch in to make Summer Camp happen. From the people on the Summer Camp committee to the setup crew and the many volunteers who stepped up to take on the lead positions during camp, I wish to express my sincerest thank you for helping us make this year's Summer Camp a success. *Steve Johnson*

**Summer Camp Committee**

Steve Johnson	Camp Boss
Lana Lindstrom	Chair and Food
Pam Caples	Registrar
Sue Wolling	Bulletin Articles
Angela Ruzicka	Entertainment
Holger Krentz	Camp Book Editor
Dave Hawkins	Club President

**Setup Crew**

Angela Ruzicka  
 Bea Fontana  
 Darko Sojak  
 Holger Krentz  
 Lana Lindstrom  
 Linda Anson  
 Lynn Meacham  
 Randy Sinnott

**Lead Positions**

Beverage Managers: Kathie Carpenter, Lisa Marks, Joanna Alexander, Ane McKee  
 Bulletin Board & Signup Sheets: Bea Fontana  
 Concessions: Carla Cooper  
 Dishwashing: Lorraine Cuevas, Pierre Robert, Jim Pierce, Scott Hovis  
 Egg Boiler: Marguerite Cooney  
 Greeters: Lynn Meacham, Angela Ruzicka  
 Hand Washing: Keiko Bryan  
 Hydro Engineer: Dave Cooper  
 Lunch Prep: Diane Schechter, Suzanne McQueen  
 Lunch Setup: Sue Wolling, Susan Wanser, Brenda Kame'enui  
 Lunch Cleanup: Jen Barnes, Marti Gerdes  
 Oatmeal Chef: Diantha Hull  
 Sanitation Engineers: Joan Skarda, John Skarda  
 Table Setup/Serving/Cleanup: Randy Sinnott, Jorry Rolfe, Silva Marin, Karla Rusow

**Participants**

Members: Joanna Alexander, Linda Anson, Jennifer Barnes, Denise Bean, Keiko Bryan, Pam Caples, Kathie Carpenter, Annie Chan, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Fred Crafts, Hope Crifo, Lorraine Cuevas, Clara Emlen, Jacquie Fern, Bea Fontana, Irene Fries, Marti Gerdes, David Hawkins, Michael Heidelberg, Nancy Hoecker, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Scott Hovis, Diantha Hull, Steven Johnson, Brenda Kameenui, Jane Kay, Peter Kay, Elizabeth Koch, Holger Krentz, Jeff Lange, Kate Lange, Joseph Lee, Jane Leng, Lana Lindstrom, Becky Lipton, Silva Marin, Zack Marin, Lisa Marks, Rachelle Masin, Andrew Maxwell, Ruth Maxwell, Ane McKee, Suzanne McQueen, Lynn Meacham, Jorma Meriaho, John Miller, June Miller, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, Evelyn Nagy, Barbara Orsi, Jim Pierce, Diane Repp, Emily Rice, Pierre Robert, Jorry Rolfe, Rich Romm, Denise Rubenstein, Tom Rundle, Jeffrey Rusow, Karla Rusow, Kourtney Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Gordon Sayre, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Randy Sinnott, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Chris Stockdale, Fumiyo Tao, Sam Tracer, Bill Wacknov, Susan Wanser, Lyndell Wilken, Sue Wolling, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Mel Bankoff, Deborah Porter.

***But wait—the job's not finished until the truck is unloaded and everything is put away in the storage shed. Right: Joanna Alexander took on the monumental task of washing all the tubs and pans. Photos by Carla Cooper.***







Friday, September 29, 2023, 6:30 PM

# Birding in Colombia

*With Randy Sinnott*



**D**ID YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 10,000 BIRD SPECIES IN THE WORLD... and Colombia has about one-fifth of them? This spring, our fellow Obsidians member, Randy Sinnott, went on a three-week birding tour of Colombia with a focus on listing birds, i.e., finding the most species. He traveled from Santa Marta to Bogota to Cali and listed over 500 species! He will give us his impressions of the country, the people, landscapes, and, of course, all the incredible birds he saw. Expect to be wowed by the incredible photos of birds in his avian presentation .



**Potluck**  
Friday, September 29, 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.*

## Fall Color Bus Trip to Odell Lake Lodge

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Leaders: Jim Northrop and Sheridan Gates

Cost: \$60 (\$63 Nonmembers)

Load bus at Valley River Park and Ride, 7:45 AM, depart at 8:00 AM



## Bus Trips

**W**E WILL BEGIN THE DAY BY DRIVING THE BACK ROADS through Springfield, Jasper, Fall Creek, and Lowell to the Lowell Covered Bridge for a quick tour of this historic site. Then it is on to Oakridge for a coffee break at Dairy Queen (on your own). Our next stop will be a tour of the Willamette Fish Hatchery that will take us through the life cycle of a salmon. The hatchery grounds also have a quaint museum, a nature trail, and nine holes of miniature golf. Then we head to Odell Lake Lodge and Resort for lunch on your own (salads and sandwiches run from \$13 to \$17). You can eat indoors in the rustic lodge or out on the terrace, both with views of the lake. If you prefer, you may also bring your own sack lunch. After lunch and a walk along the shore of Odell Lake, we will drive to Salt Creek Falls to view this magnificent cascade. If time allows, we may also visit the Office Covered Bridge in Westfir and/or Elijah Bristow State Park near Dexter. We'll arrive back in Eugene around 5:00 PM.

This is the third year we have scheduled this bus trip to Odell Lake Lodge. The trip in 2020 was cancelled because of COVID. The trip in 2022 was cancelled due to wildfire smoke. We hope that moving the trip to later in October will allow fall rains to dampen the wildfires. If wildfire smoke persists, we will take an alternative trip to the coast or somewhere else free from smoke. We will refund the cost to riders who decline the alternative trip.

Cost is \$60 for members and \$63 for guests. Please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips* and mail to Judy Garwood, 4145 East Amazon Drive, Eugene, OR 97405. Payment is due by October 16. For further information about registration, contact Judy at 541-683-5539. For general information, contact trip leader Jim Northrop at 541-343-3426. We load the bus at 7:45 AM at the Valley River Park and Ride (west of Regal Cinemas along the bike path and river). The bus departs at 8:00 AM. We hope you can join us.

# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## September

12 Tue Fuji Mountain Hike **D** ..... Wilken 343-3080  
 12 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..Young 941-780-4156  
 13 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** .....Jacobsen 206-1251  
 14 Thu GameNight!..... McKee554-1364  
 15 Fri Mount Hubris- Castle Crags Climb ..... Reiter521-8472  
 17 Sun Finley Refuge: Hike **E** ..... Hougardy 206-9532  
 19 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..Young 941-780-4156  
 20 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... McKee 554-1364  
 22 Fri Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Autumn Equinox Hike **E**... Jacobsen 206-1251  
 22 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike **M** .....Hawkins 505-0119  
 23 Sat National Public Lands Day TrlMnt **M** ..... Bell 503-884-8829  
 23 Sat Beach Cleanup WrkPrty **E** ..... Sojak 799-9199  
 24 Sun Finley: Beaver & Cattail Ponds Hike **E** .... Hougardy 206-9532  
 26 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike **M**..Young 941-780-4156  
 27 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M**..... Sigrist 916-612-5517  
 28 Thu Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike **M** .....Jacobsen 206-1251  
 29 Fri Birding in Colombia Potluck—Randy Sinnott..... **Potluck**

## October

4 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Rolfe 206-9501  
 5 Thu “Love a Lake” Cleanup **E** ..... Stewart Smith 913-5464  
 7 Sat Work Party ..... Sojak 799-9199  
 11 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Smith 520-488-9569  
 12 Thu GameNight!..... Anson 228-8722  
 14 Sat Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike **E**.... van Winkle 485-7416  
 14 Sat Annular Solar Eclipse Hike **E** ..... Sojak 799-9199  
 18 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Clifford 915-5434  
 24 Tue Fall Color Bus Trip to Odell Lake Lodge... Northrop 343-3426  
 25 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** ..... Cooper 868-5427  
 27 Fri Patagonia Potluck—Valerie Metcalfe ..... Potluck  
 28 Sat Trail Maintenance **M**..... Bell 503-884-8829

## November

11 Sat Veterans Day Hike **E** ..... Smith 520-488-9569  
 17 Fri OR and WA Roadside Geology w/ M. Miller ..... **Potluck**  
 25 Sat Trail Maintenance **M** ..... Bell 503-884-8829

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## Stewardship Opportunities

### Love-a-Lake

Thursday, September 21: Scott & Hand Lakes Cleanup  
 Meg Stewart Smith  
 541-913-5464

### National Public Lands Day Saturday, September 23:

Beach Cleanup of grassy sand dunes between Baker  
 Beach Trailhead and Berry Creek  
 Darko Sojak  
 541-799-9199

Ridgeline Trail Maintenance\* 9 AM–NOON  
 Matt Bell  
[trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org)

\*Monthly Ridgeline Trail Maintenance is switching to  
 Saturday mornings starting September 23.

**Sign up online when trip is posted.**  
**For details, email [stewardship@obsidians.org](mailto:stewardship@obsidians.org)**



**GAME NIGHT!** IS A MONTHLY GATHERING AT THE  
**OBSIDIAN LODGE 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM.** Come join  
 the fun! *(In case of unexpected schedule changes, please  
 confirm the date in the Online Activity Signup page be-  
 fore arriving.)*

Upcoming GameNight! Dates are:

September: Thursday, 9/14

October: Thursday, 10/12

November: Tuesday, 11/7

December: Thursday, 12/7

Questions? Contact:

Ane McKee

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*Editor's note: Thank you to the 21 photographers whose photos are used in this issue of the Bulletin. While the Trip Reports section is rather sparse on photos this month, there are many, many more in the Gallery and New Gallery on our website. There are also many more photos of Summer Camp. Please spend some time to see and appreciate how these photographers document the activities of our busy Club!*

*Bench Lake. Photo by Dave Hawkins.  
See the Summer Camp trip report on page 14.*

ENJOY the photos in color! ONLINE *Bulletin* at [www.observians.org](http://www.observians.org)