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Dates to Remember

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| February 12 | GameNight! |
| February 27 | Potluck |
| February 27 | Bulletin Deadline |
| March 4 | Board Meeting |

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Obsidians Basic Climb School 2026

Steve Davis

Each spring the Obsidians offer a Basic Climb School to help people learn the skills needed to participate safely on climbs in alpine environments. The emphasis for this course is to provide the basic skills needed to climb safely with a group in a range of environments, from sport climbing to alpine mountaineering, where travel may involve steep rock and snow slopes. This course is not meant to train people to lead groups on rock or glaciers but rather to be a safe team member.

The course consists of four classroom sessions and two field sessions covering introduction to snow skills and climbing. The class is limited to 24 participants who are 16 or older. Those who are under 18 will need a parent or guardian signature. Those between ages 13 and 16 may participate if accompanied by a parent or responsible adult who is also enrolled in the course. The cost of the class is \$170 for nonmembers and \$120 for Obsidian members.

Gear for the class. The Obsidians will provide all ropes, anchors and group gear needed for the field sessions. You will need to provide your own harness, however, we have a few available for the snow sessions if you are unable to purchase one right away. We also have the following personal gear available to borrow if needed: helmets, prusik loops, belay devices, and locking carabiners.

Course outline:

Tuesday, March 10 from 6:00–8:30 PM (Obsidian Lodge): Introduction to climbing. Topics include basic knots, types of climbing, gear, clothing, nutrition, and training for climbing.

Thursday, March 12 from 6:00–8:30 PM (Obsidian Lodge): Basic snow travel skills. Topics include safety considerations for snow travel, proper use of an ice ax and other snow travel equipment, roping up, and negotiating crevasses.

Saturday, March 14* from 9:00 AM–4:30 PM (TBD, likely Little Nash Crater, Santiam Jct.): Snow field session. Skill development includes: techniques for travelling on snow, self-arrest, glissading, building snow anchors, roped travel on snow.

Monday, April 6 from 6:00–8:30 PM (Obsidian Lodge) Intro to rock climbing. Climbing gear overview, knots review, rock climbing technique, what to bring on a rock climb, and introduction to anchors.

Tuesday, April 7 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM (Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation, Springfield): Indoor rock climbing skills. Topics include a review of knots, safety checks, climbing commands, how to belay, climbing technique basics.



2024 Diamond Peak Graduation Climb.

Photo by Maryanne Reiter.

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2025 Donations

Nearly 50 people made donations to the Obsidians during 2025 for a total of almost \$34,000. Below are those donors in the Mountain Giving categories. Thank you to all these donors.



Mt. Pisgah—\$50–\$99

Betsy Halpern, Victoria Hanson, Margaret Kieran, Donald Kindt, Michael Landes, Bill Lowder, Ken Parramore, Nancy Raymond, Karla Rusow, Dalen Willhite, John Young.

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In Memory

Alex Mohr by Lisa Martinsen, Natalie Beckett Morgan by Boyd Morgan, and Brian Hamilton by Whitney Owen.

We now have a Donate button on the website as a way for you to show your support of the Obsidians. No matter the amount, large or small, your support is appreciated and will help us maintain our wonderful Lodge building and grounds as well as continue achieving our mission of connecting our community to the great outdoors. The Donate button on the website makes it easy to give with a credit card. You can even donate In Memory or In Honor of someone with the button. If you still wish to donate by check, though, simply send it to: The Obsidians Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 51510, Eugene, OR 97405

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

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Amazon Headwaters Trail—A Great Escape

SEPTEMBER 3, 2005: THE AMAZON HEADWATERS TRAIL OFFICIALLY OPENED. Two days later 22 Obsidians were exploring the latest link to the Ridgeline Trail. A week later *Great Escape* was the headline for the *Register-Guard* feature article about the new trail through the wilderness next door. The new trail cost \$140,000.

February 27, 2013: Five hikers were on the first Obsidian Wednesday Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte hike. The goal was to hike up the trail for 1½ hours hopefully reaching the summit. The Wednesday hikes began when May Fogg mentioned that she needed a local hike during the week to prepare for her El Camino pilgrimage.

February 25, 2026: Sign up online to celebrate the 13th anniversary of the Wednesday hikes. Guests are welcome. No matter what the weather, it is an easy way to meet Obsidians and share friendships.

Trips Chair, Dave Cooper, reminds us that Great Escapes—both in and out of the city—need leaders. Consider stepping up to lead one.

The Trips Committee

Malheur Great Bird Migration Adventure Tour

April 24–26, 2026

Clem Ogilby, Paul Winther, and Ken Burton, Trip Leaders

SPRING MIGRATION WILL BE IN FULL SWING COME APRIL, and this is your opportunity to experience one of the premier birding destinations in the western United States. Sign up now for Best Oregon Tours' three-day adventure to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, arriving at the optimal time to witness maximum species diversity in the Harney Basin. With over 340 species visiting annually, this exceptional oasis is a must for bird watchers, wildlife enthusiasts, and photographers alike.

We depart Eugene at 8:00 AM on April 24, with lodging in Burns for two nights. Day one features an optional bird tour after arrival.

Day two brings the highlight of the trip, beginning with a 6:30 AM breakfast in Burns, followed by a 7:30 departure for Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, which opens at 8:00. The day includes a dawn-to-dusk exploration of the refuge, where we expect to see trumpeter swan, cinnamon teal, redhead, sandhill crane, and Franklin's gull in stunning breeding plumage. White-faced ibis are common throughout the area. Potential raptor sightings include Swainson's hawk, great horned owl, and burrowing owl. Great Basin songbirds—including sage thrasher, sagebrush sparrow, and yellow-headed blackbird—add to the incredible diversity. The refuge also features a variety of mammals, including pronghorn, coyote, badger, and porcupine.

Day three offers two options: an early dawn return to the wildlife refuge before heading home, or a relaxed return journey with scenic stops that may include Sahalie and Koosah Falls, McKenzie River covered bridges, and the Historic Fish Lake Remount Depot.

Cost is \$1,375 double occupancy (includes lodging, three breakfasts, and three lunches). Obsidian members receive a \$100 discount. Single supplement is \$300. Daily healthy snacks and complimentary bottled water are provided. A \$500 deposit is due by March 1, 2026. Make checks payable to Best Oregon Tours. All major credit cards accepted, including Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover.

Don't miss this exceptional birding opportunity at the peak of spring migration. Visit www.bestoregontours.com/malheur-birding-tour for complete details and to reserve your spot today.

Climb School (continued from page 1)

Saturday, April 11* from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM (you will choose AM or PM for your session at Skinner Butte Columns): Outdoor climbing skills. Topics include knot review, belaying a climber on top rope, travelling on a fixed line, and rappelling.

*Field sessions are scheduled on Saturdays, however, if the weather looks significantly better on Sunday, we will change to Sunday.

Registration. Register online at www.obsidians.org. Use the calendar to navigate to the March 10 Basic Climb School. Open the event and use the signup button (upper right) to register. Obsidians members will be asked to log in (if you haven't already) to register. Nonmembers will be asked to create a guest account after which you may register.

Questions? Dalen Willhite (dcwillhite@gmail.com) or Steve Davis (lunaripple1@gmail.com)

Bohemia Mountain Winter Outing March 14–21, 1937

Compiled by the Librarian/Historian Committee



Drifts Reach Third Story Windows of Buildings.

Photo by Ray Sims.

THE REGISTER-GUARD HEADLINE READ: OBSIDIANS FRISK IN 20-FOOT SNOW. They skied out of their third-story bedroom windows, did these members of the Obsidian club who return to Eugene today after a week of ideal skiing in the Bohemia country during the club's first annual winter camp. ...picture shows the group outside the Champion Mine boarding house, under a blanket of 20 feet of snow. The frame of one of the first-story windows can barely be seen in the lower righthand corner. (excerpt from the *Register-Guard* March 21, 1937)

From the road, a ski run of about four miles was necessary for the 28 skiers to reach the Champion Mine headquarters at about 4,500 feet elevation. The first trip was to Fairview Mt. Lookout—an elevation of 6,000 ft. The steep open slopes brought yells of delight from the more experienced skiers, and to the rest it offered visions of days when they could ride it. Other ski trips were Grouse Mountain, abandoned Lead Crystal Mine and Musick Mine. All week snow conditions were perfect for skiing. (summarized from trip report in [The Obsidian April 1937](#) p. 3)



IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF PUBLICATION, the March 1937 Obsidian newsletter had an earlier report, Bohemia Trip by “Ace Moore” describing the difficult task of transferring the food and supplies stored at Noon Day Mine, the original intended location for the outing.

A group of Obsidians, aided by four University students, made a special trip to the Bohemia country, scene of the winter outing to transfer for food stored at the Noon Day mine to the Champion mine. ... The party skied eight miles and reached the Champion mine at 2 PM, where they rested briefly. Traveling as nearly straight up as possible for three miles and winding around and through the Champion saddle, thence over Grouse mountain, they reached their goal to find the original winter camp bunk house completely snowed in and presenting a hazardous task of entering the building because of broken rafters.

Packs filled, the return trip was anticipated but not welcomed. Skiing through thick timber and over a crusted snow, with heavy packs was more work than fun to the tired fellows. Plans were made to ascend again to the Noon Day mine on Sunday with toboggans to transfer the remaining stores. This proved to be the undoing of the expedition. The round trip of six miles started 9:30 AM and was not completed until 6 PM.

The trip down the mountain to the cars was started in the dark, a thrilling ride what with trees and narrow trails to follow with no light-but what a ride! ... So ends the best and worst trip ever.

Skiing the snow fields at Fairview Peak Lookout.

Photo by Ray Sims.

Editor's note: Thanks to Rick Ahrens who researched early Club materials at the Lodge and U of O Library Special Collections to compile a list and notes of Winter Camp History: <https://obsidians.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Winter-Camp-History.pdf>

Arrowhead Lake (Diamond Peak Wilderness)

Mike Smith

About the fourth time I got off trail on the way to Arrowhead Lake, the trail I was supposed to be on, or—given the snow—over, the Pacific Crest Trail, was, according to my Gaia app, about 200 feet to my right and at least five feet below me. Actually, given the 700-foot elevation gain I had just completed, and with likely more snow, maybe six feet below me.

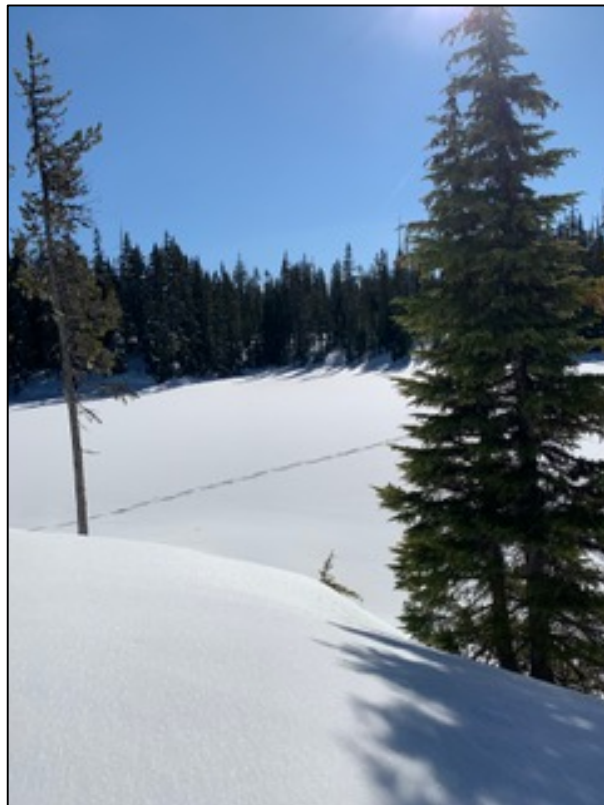
It was 25 degrees and clear at Gold Lake Sno-Park. I headed south towards Bechtel Shelter. Surprisingly, I missed the turn for the usual way I go, but that was a minor issue, since the snow-covered road/trail went by the shelter as well and climbed more gradually. The snow was hard, and I stayed on top where snowshoe tracks from the day before were oval holes punched through the crust with green branches below.

I stopped briefly at Bechtel, noting that unlike summer, when I could walk in from ground level, I now had to go down three feet to enter, but I wasn't interested in staying there. I climbed back to the road and was happy to see ski tracks heading south towards Midnight Lake, about three-quarters of a mile, and Arrowhead Lake, a mile and a half further.

I had been to Arrowhead twice before, found it pretty and quiet, a good hike on snowshoes.

About 100 yards past the Midnight Lake turnoff, the ski tracks I was following stopped. I was now on my own, looking for a slight depression in front of me that showed where the PCT was. There are blue markers on snowshoe trails in the Sno-Park, but in the Diamond Peak Wilderness nothing is marked. I figured I could remember part of the trail, and the track I had mapped on Gaia two years ago would guide me if I couldn't. In the winter, trees appear to have many open gaps looking like trails, and it is easy to continue until the trail suddenly ends. That's why we mark them with blue diamonds and have Sno-Parks. Within a few minutes, I was off trail.

First thing I did was admit it. Surprising as that may seem, admitting it helps, because it avoids the "let's go a little further and see" approach, trying to make a trail out of open space that isn't a trail. I stopped and looked at the Gaia, which showed the trail to my right, so I moved right. I did this twice and still hadn't closed the gap much, and then remembered I have a tendency to go 45 degrees right when I want to go 90 degrees right. Right means hard right, the computer term of which is "force quit." The military term is "riggghhhht FACE!" Once I force quit and did a right face forward march I found the trail and was again fine for maybe a half mile, before again realizing I wasn't on it. Two minutes later, I was on trail, repeating this sequence a few more times. I had hoped to get to Arrowhead Lake for an early lunch, and I began to think I might turn around, retracing my steps, but the trail became easier to see, and by then I was only a few hundred yards from the lake, so I kept going. At least in the winter, if it is not actively snowing, I can always easily backtrack. I finally was close enough to see a gap to my right, and 50 yards later reached the path going to the lake.



Arrowhead is well named, with the point of the arrow towards the PCT, the base to the northwest. I had eaten lunch out on the lake once before; this time I thought about trying to go across the lake in bright sunshine. It had been cold for weeks in the high country, but I ventured out slowly, first jumping up and down, then pushing my poles in hard. There was no cracking of ice; it was quiet. Snow and trees muffle sound, and nobody was out there. I ate on a shoreline where I could lean up on the bank and see my footprints coming across, the PCT a little further away, blue sky above me. I had had my rain jacket off for the last two hours, but I knew at lunch I would cool off so I put it back on. Savor is the right word to describe the actual enjoyment of enjoying something.

While eating, I thought about what I did last year on the return trip, when I headed farther to Eagle's Overlook, and then up and over Diamond Peak View back to the car. But that was another seven miles, and while I might be able to do it, I doubted I would enjoy the effort. I certainly would not savor it.

My big decision having been made for the day, I was surprised that the far off shore took me only five minutes on snowshoes. The other times I had been here, it seemed too far to go. I could probably walk around the lake in a half hour. Maybe next time I will do that. In the meantime, I would return almost the way I came. It's always interesting to see where I got off trail, and ask myself how I did that.

See you on the trail, whether it is covered with duff, wood, or snow.

Camp Ruzicka in the Strawberry Mountains, August 23–29

Karen Yoerger (Camp Boss) and Angie Ruzicka (Summer Camp Committee Chair)

A Range of Great Hikes

THE STRAWBERRY MOUNTAINS ARE FOR EVERYONE! Our camp booklet will describe a selection of hikes that range from easy to challenging. For now, let's focus on two destinations that were especially popular at the Obsidians 2014 summer camp. The geology is stunning in both areas and there may still be wildflowers in the high meadows.

Nearly everyone will choose to go to lovely Strawberry Lake, just 2.6 miles and 550 feet of elevation gain round trip from the Strawberry Campground trailhead, just be sure to drive a vehicle with good clearance. Perhaps you will go there to swim, fish, or just relax, and maybe add the 1.4-mile loop around the lake. For a hike of moderate length and difficulty (6.6 miles, 1,200 feet gain, round trip), you could continue to a viewpoint of rushing Strawberry Falls and cliff-rimmed Little Strawberry Lake. And if you are looking for an even bigger challenge, you could trek on to the summit of Strawberry Mountain (12.6 miles, 3,320 feet gain, round trip).

The trailhead for High Lake and Slide Lake also offers several choices. An easy round trip of 2.6 miles and 540 feet (down to the lake, then back up to the car) brings you to the shore of High Lake's spectacular ice-carved bowl. An additional climb to the ridge above the lake provides an outstanding view, and sometimes the company of mountain goats! Or you might choose a round trip of 9.4 miles and 2,250 feet gain that will take you past High Lake, over a pass, and down to Slide Lake. The hardest hikers may want to continue even farther, on a grand loop of 13.3 miles and 2,930 feet gain, passing Strawberry Lake on the way back to the car.

Mountain goats. Photo by John Jacobsen.
Hiking along a creek. Photo by Holger Krentz.



*Summit of Strawberry Mountain.
Photo by Nancy Whitfield.*



A Variety of Trip Leaders Creates Opportunities for a Variety of Trips

Camp Ruzicka will need leaders for all kinds of trips, from hiking to sightseeing. If you are new to summer camp, to leading trips, or to the Obsidians, you may be wondering *What would I need to do to lead a trip at summer camp?* It's easy—no previous experience is required! We'll be available to help with suggestions, extra maps, and support. Just choose a trip that you'd like to lead, fill out a signup sheet at the camp table, pick up a first aid kit, and make sure that you have the ten essentials.

On the morning of your hike, take a picture of the signup sheet, meet your hikers and drivers, load up, and have a great day of hiking. Remember to come back in time for dinner and to select someone from your group to give a short report at campfire that evening. It's that simple!

We are working on several ideas that we hope will streamline the process of signing up for hikes during camp. One idea is to identify and encourage leaders for each type of trip ahead of time. The camp registration form will have boxes for you to check to indicate what types of trips interest you, and what types of trips you would be willing to lead. If you are new to leading, we may reach out to see if you have questions. Please, consider checking one or more of the leader boxes when you register. The 2014 Strawberry camp report listed 23 leaders and 44 trips. Can we do even better this year?

Looking forward to great hiking with all of you!



Recommendations from our readers...

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, JANUARY 2026

Lana Lindstrom

I'VE SUBSCRIBED TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE on and off for years and years. The one-page short pieces are interesting, the in-depth feature articles are well researched, and the photos are stunning.

As I was leafing through the January 2026 edition, two photos piqued my interest. The article was *How to Build Trails*. The pictures were of a trail I hiked in 2012 in Patagonia! A trail I remember very well—Laguna de los Tres in Perito Moreno National Park. Arduous. Rocky. Steep —no switchbacks. But the long, leisurely lunch at the beautiful turquoise lake, with stunning views of the surrounding mountains made it all worthwhile!

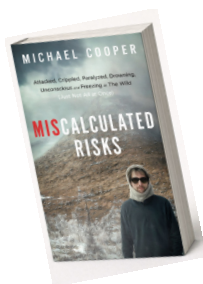


The improved trail was needed since, "...over the past 30 years, the number of visitors who flocked to the nearby town of El Chalten to hike the 14-mile out-and-back trail swelled from roughly 30 a day to 3,000." Would I hike the newly improved trail again? Probably not. It's a bit far away.

By the way, it's quite an interesting article. The subheading is "Inside the creative science that's transforming your time outside."

MICHAEL COOPER'S *MISCALCULATED RISKS: ATTACKED, CRIPPLED, PARALYZED, DROWNING, UNCONSCIOUS AND FREEZING IN THE WILD (JUST NOT ALL AT ONCE)*

Review by Pete Ruby



STANDARD TRAILS ARE ONLY THE ONRAMP INTO MICHAEL COOPER'S CROSS COUNTRY WILDERNESS ADVENTURES. For the last 50 years, Cooper has donned heavy packs, utilizing map and compass skills to explore remote trail-less areas of the Western United States. Troublesome weather, extreme temperatures, injury, threats, fear of getting lost, and running out of food have not limited his desires to get out and explore. Yes, he is a risk-taker, but his difficult experiences have helped him develop a more calculated approach to the dangers inherent in his pursuit of challenging the natural environment. Cooper has painstakingly acquired confidence and knowledge for traversing wild areas. Utilizing his studies of wild edible plants, medicinal herbs, weather observations, and alternating terrains allows him to read the details and plan his travels. Physical fitness, endurance training, and sensible nutrition define his preparedness.

The few grainy black and white photos in the book do not compare to his lively and vividly written descriptions of his adventures. I do suggest that while reading you open up his website (michaelcooperadventurer.com) to enjoy his large color photos of rarely seen destinations in Western North America.

While in his early 20s, living in a communal setting outside of San Diego, CA, the tall, lanky hippie devotee developed his thrill with living off the land. The subtitles of his book—*Attacked, Crippled, Paralyzed, Drowning, Unconscious and Freezing in The Wild*—will unfold via his many backpacking, climbing, and river rafting expeditions.

Most amazing to me are his DDM's (Desert Death Marches), offseason hikes in the Southwest desert. Cooper and his partners cached and carried heavy loads of water to be able to cross these areas.

Cooper has a long involvement with the Obsidians in Oregon, especially with some precarious mountain climbs including North Sister and Mt. Jefferson. Now in his 70s, he continues to enjoy the Three Sisters Wilderness area while living with his wife, Janet Huerta, near Sisters, OR.

To earn some money between trips, Cooper found employment that has allowed flexibility for his comings and goings. He developed a music writing expertise. He became a studio owner/engineer and pro-audio journalist, contributing to many audio publications.

Miscalculated Risks won a 2025 American Writing Award for Best New Non-Fiction and a 2025 Literary Global Book Award for Narrative Non-Fiction. Cooper also received commendation as an American Writing Awards 2026 Featured Author.

See page 13 for information about Michael Cooper's Meet the Author event at the Lodge March 14.

JANUARY BOARD NOTES

January 7, 2026

From minutes by Jean Harris

Angie Ruzicka called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Steve Davis, Jean Harris, Angie Ruzicka, Sandra Sigrist, Lisa Van Liefde, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Zeni. Others present: Carla Cooper, Jim Northrop, Darko Sojak, Karen Yoerger, Lana Lindstrom.

AGENDA ITEMS

Kudos to: Angie gave kudos to everyone who shows up to do all the extra work. Kudos to Denise for her amazing leadership and smooth transition to Angie.

Minutes: The Board approved the December Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Sue Zeni): We ended the year with financials that were significantly better than predicted at the beginning of the year. Excluding donations, we ended the year with \$12,847 more income than we spent in the general fund. We spent \$11,060 from our Contingency Fund in 2025 to paint the Lodge. We have received \$31,209 in cash donations as of December 31. There are multiple 2025 donations that will not enter our financial books until 2026. Revenue was \$4,178 (including donations) and Expenses were \$3,407 in December for a total net revenue of \$771. We purchased an AED for the Lodge as well as climbing gear in December. These items were originally slated for the 2026 budget.

The Board approved the December expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

Team Building Fun: Angie guided us through a fun Find Someone . . . Bingo game to interact with others.

Approval Committee Members: The 2026 committee members were approved.

Service Dogs on Hikes/Historical Perspective Dogs: Angie and Dave Cooper shared information from ADA regarding service dogs. Vests, tags or "working animal" are not required. You can't ask about the nature of the person's disability or for documentation. You can ask if the dog is a service animal and what tasks it has been trained to perform. Our trip drivers are not required to transport. Action item: Angie will do research with other organizations and Dave will add to waiver wording, and wording for leader guide.

Lodge Rental Fee Increase: Dave Cooper has found that other places have much higher prices than our rate of \$110 half day and \$220 all day. The Board voted to raise rates to \$150 and \$300 starting with new rentals after February 1, 2026.

Addition to Policy and Practices Lodge Building Chair Duties: Dave Cooper asked for an addition to the Bylaws regarding responsibility of the Lodge Committee. "Issue property keys to those having specific needs to access the property and buildings. Keep a record of who has keys and for what purpose."

US Bank Resolution for Signature Changes: Sue Zeni got Angie and Jean's signatures plus Board approval to change

who has access to US Bank for 2026, which will be Sue, Dave Hawkins and Angie.

Mileage P&P: The rate to use as a suggestion for riders has been \$0.11 per mile. The Board chose to keep it at \$0.11 and not raise it to \$0.12.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp Update: Karen Yoerger shared the incredible work happening for Summer Camp Ruzicka, 2026. 1) Angie and Karen are very excited, working well together and making great progress. 2) They are on track for planning and organizing, payments, a visit, and more. This camp will be six nights and five full days. 3) They are encouraged by all the help so far; Pam Caples, Sue Zeni, Lana Lindstrom, Steve Johnson, Kristen Anderson, Holger Krentz, Sue Wolling, Marti Gerdes, Lynn Meacham, Angie, and Karen. Many others have offered help as needs arise.

Update on Archiving: Sue Zeni will continue to work on this endeavor.

Lodge/Grounds 5-year Plan: Nancy Whitfield and a committee created the first phase of a five-year plan with emphasis on two years. Safety and maintenance are guiding the plan, which includes tree removal, debris pile mastication, septic system, retaining wall (French drain), and electrical panel evaluation. Bigger expenditures will be funded from the contingency fund while routine maintenance will be paid from the general fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop): The Bus Trips Committee will meet in March to plan trips for 2026. New committee members, trip leaders, and ideas for trips are welcomed.

Climbs (Wim Aarts & Steve Davis): We met in early December and finalized the 2026 climbs and class schedule. We have 16 climbs scheduled and two depending on permit availability. We have two classes scheduled and one or two pending. None have been published at this time. The calendar is available for leaders to plan and publish climbs and education modules. From this external calendar, events will be published to the Obsidian schedule. Steve Davis agreed to fill the co-chair position and has been very active and efficient.

Entertainment (Ane McKee): We do not offer Potluck & Presentation evenings in December. We held another fun GameNight! evening on December 16.

Librarian/Historian (Bea Fontana): The committee researched and wrote the *In Memoriam* of Guy Strahon, for the January 2026 *Bulletin*. We researched and composed an article to be published in the January 2026 *Bulletin* about Jim Hosmer's historic photo of a 1959 climb of Mt. Rainier, which hangs in the Lodge assembly hall. We corrected the caption (inside) the framed photo, put together an information sheet for the back side, and took it to Cappers to be reframed.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): There was one rental in December for which we received \$110. All the electric heaters were cleaned and a faulty thermostat was replaced. Fire

extinguishers were inspected and smoke alarm testing was done. Work continues on the Lodge and Grounds long range planning.

Lodge Grounds (Nancy Whitfield): There was one Grounds work party/birthday party in December. Check out the backside Lodge roof! It has been transformed! The ad hoc five-year planning group has nearly completed their task.

Membership (Diane Schechter): 447 members. Reminders are being sent to those whose memberships have lapsed with instructions on how to renew

Online/Webmaster (Lana Lindstrom & Carla Cooper): Several Obsidians have reported that they cannot sign up for a trip when they first try. They login, select the trip, check the Release of Liability and that they meet the requirements and then receive a “something went wrong” message. Sometimes it takes many attempts to sign up. Some have reported that when their laptop/desktop doesn’t work, their phone does allow them to register. Needless to say, this is very frustrating, especially if one signs up for many trips! Not to mention, it’s bad PR. We are trying to figure out what is causing the problem. What is the common denominator? If this occurs more than once, please send an email to the Trips Chair, Dave Cooper at dwcoop@yahoo.com. Trip name and date of trip? What date/time did you attempt to register? What browser did

you use? What device did you use? How many attempts did it take before you were successful? Any other information you think might be relevant. Thank you!

Safety (Maryanne Reiter): The Safety Committee ordered and received a new AED for the Lodge. The device is under warranty until September 25, 2033. It is fully automatic and appears straightforward to use. More information about the device will be made available to the membership soon.

Conservation, Science & Education (Angie Ruzicka, interim): We sponsored one event this month, an edu-ramble to Green Island in Coburg. Ane McKee forwarded names for possible presentations with a science/education flavor.

Stewardship (Darko Sojak): It’s exciting to wrap up another successful month of volunteering with Obsidians. Thank you all for being a part of our stewardship group.

Summer Camp (Angie Ruzicka): Planning continues. We have communicated with the Lake Creek Camp president to learn more about the facility and are planning a scouting trip to the area for May. Karen Yoerger wrote an article for the January newsletter and there is one page of information posted on the Obsidian website.

Trips (Dave Cooper): We had 29 events, one of which was our first snow trip of the winter. Twenty-eight dollars in fees were collected.



Committee Members 2026

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop—interim): Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Joella Ewing, Judy Garwood, Dave Hawkins (Treasurer), Sandra Larson, Evelyn Nagy

Climbs (Wim Aarts & Steve Davis): Sheri Gabert, Melanie Glock, Danni Harris, DeWayde Perry, Maryanne Reiter, Jamie Sullivan, Dalen Wilhite

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Jennifer Barnes, Marguerite Cooney, Mike King, Lynn Meacham, Chris Shuraleff, Nancy Whitfield

Conservation, Science & Education (Angie Ruzicka): Heidi Anderson, Jean Harris, Mark Hougardy, Jorry Rolfe, Maryanne Reiter, Darko Sojak

Entertainment (Ane McKee): Juliette Deinum, Joella Ewing, Lana Lindstrom, Diana Masarie, Hally McCabe, Evelyn Nagy, Janice Silvestri, Marian Sparks, Susan Wanser, Trish Wilson

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Heidi Anderson, Jean Harris, Emily Rice, Lisa Van Liefde

Finance (Sue Zeni): Pam Caples, Dave Hawkins, Kate Lange, Lana Lindstrom

Library/Historian (Bea Fontana): Bert Ewing, Janet Jacobsen

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Charlie Ashmore, Joella Ewing, Doug Nelson, Nancy Whitfield

Lodge Grounds (Nancy Whitfield): Charles Ashmore, Dave Cooper, Clara Emlen, Jean Harris, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Maryanne Reiter

Membership (Diane Schechter): Diane Schechter, Dorothy van Winkle, Helen Martz, Diane Longcore

Online (Carla Cooper & Lana Lindstrom)

Publications (Lou Maenz): Production: Carla Cooper, Bea Fontana, Janet Jacobsen, Lou Maenz, Ethel Weltman, Karen Yoerger. **Mailing:** Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin, Barbara Gunther, Jane Hackett, Anne Hollander, Lou Maenz, Judy Newman, Yuan Hopkins, Nancy Raymond

Publicity (Denise Rubenstein & Lisa Van Liefde): Steve Davis, Darko Sojak, Scott Wilkinson

Safety (Maryanne Reiter): Heidi Anderson, Steve Davis, Jim Northrop, DeWayde Perry, Lyndell Wilken

Stewardship (Darko Sojak): Matt Bell, Bill Campbell, Dave Cooper, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Lyndell Wilken

Summer Camp (Angie Ruzicka): Pam Caples, Karen Yoerger

Trips (Dave Cooper): Margot McDonnell, Jorry Rolfe, Gordon Sayre, Lynn Stearney

TRIP REPORTS



HIKES

Cottage Grove

January 8, 2026

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 6.0 miles (Easy)

WE SPENT ABOUT 2 1/2 HOURS WALKING around the older section of Cottage Grove, mainly in the neighborhoods along the Coast Fork. Lunch was at Jack Sprat's, which carnivores and vegans alike thought was excellent. The Cottage Grove Historical Society does a fine job of maintaining a variety of displays around town. Participants: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Patricia Esch, Whitney Gould, Nancy Whitfield.

Thurston Hills Loop from Quartz Park

January 9, 2026

Leader: Heidi Anderson

Assistant Leader: Sandra Sigrist

Hike: 5.5 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

A DOZEN OBSIDIANS ENJOYED A LOVELY WANDER around the Thurston Hills Natural Area. Clouds gave way to clear skies and comfortable temperatures. Participants: Heidi Anderson, David Clinger, David Cooper, Margot Cortez, Whitney Gould, Elizabeth Grant, Holger Krentz, Lana Lindstrom, Guy Pritchett, Diane Schechter, Sandra Sigrist, Karen Yoerger.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

January 10, 2026

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 3.0 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THERE WERE ENOUGH SEASONED MEMBERS that we could break into two groups, which enhanced the enjoyment of this hike for all. Thank you, Marguerite, Elizabeth, and Jorry for stepping up to make this possible. Join us for the next GA hike, February 14. Participants: Sam Arnold-Boyd, Marguerite Cooney, Elizabeth Grant, Kelly Korach, Hiroko Korach, Brandy Krobatsch, Liz Rambo, Jorry Rolfe, Roberta Thompson, Eva Trevarrow, Dorothy van Winkle.

Middle Fork Path w/Options

January 16, 2026

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 1.0–8.0 miles, 20 ft. (Mixed)

IT WAS A BRISK (LOW 30s) AND FOGGY MORNING, so there was no lingering. We walked a bit over eight miles in a bit under 2 3/4 hours. Participants: Steve Adey, Sam Arnold-Boyd, Tamara Bressi, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Holger Krentz.

Amazon Loop

January 23, 2026

Leader & Photographer: Whitney Gould

Hike: 6.7 miles (Moderate)

THE WEATHER WAS CRISP AND COLD but the atmosphere was warm and lively. Eleven Obsidians met up for a morning walk on the Amazon Running Trails. Beginning at the Amazon Community Center parking lot, we followed an approximate figure eight on the bark paths of the North and South Loops. Our paces ranged from brisk to leisurely, but we all managed to finish together. Participants: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Jean-Sylvain Negre, Guy Pritchett, Terri Robinson, Jorry Rolfe.



River Trails w/Options

January 29, 2026

Leader: Steve Adey

Hike: 8.0 miles (Moderate)

THE WALK TOOK ABOUT 2 3/4 HOURS, with fine weather and walking conditions. Participants: Steve Adey, Mari Baldwin, Melissa Beckwith, Whitney Gould, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Guy Pritchett.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Margot McDonnell: 1/7 14 Participants

Sandra Sigrist: 1/14 20 Participants

Mike Smith: 1/21 13 Participants

Janet Jacobsen: 1/28 19 Participants

Blanton Ridge Hikes

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Jorry Rolfe: 1/6 4 Participants

Anna Maria Hundseder-Aarts : 1/13 5 Participants

Wim Aarts: 1/20 3 Participants

Sandra Sigrist: 1/27 6 Participants

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.0–9.4 miles, 800–1,375 (Moderate–Difficult)

Jeff Orendorff: 1/2 2 Participants 1/7 2 Participants 1/9 4 Participants 1/14 2 Participants 1/16 4 Participants 1/23 3 Participants

Darko Sojak, Angie Ruzicka: 1/2 5 Participants

Karen Yoerger, Sandra Sigrist: 1/18 12 Participants

David Cooper: 1/25 10 Participants



Snowshoe Trips

Brandenburg Shelter

January 9, 2026

Leader & Photographer: Steve Johnson

Snowshoe: 6.0 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

THIS TRIP FOLLOWED A WEEK OF SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS. While that gave us beautiful scenery, the deep, heavy snow made progress to Brandenburg shelter more work than expected. All of our group made it to the shelter, where we enjoyed our lunch and the great views of the Cascades. Because of the deep snow, we returned the way we came instead of completing the usual loop. Participants: Wim Aarts, Annie Chan, Steven Johnson, Kate Lange, Anna Maria Hundseder-Aarts, Margot McDonnell, Andrew McIvor, Valerie Metcalfe.



Andy and Anna Maria with a spectacular view.

Westview Shelter

January 13, 2026

Leader: Jean Harris

Photographer: Diana Dinn

Snowshoe: 4.0 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

LITTLE THINGS GAVE US JOY. Being at 5,000 feet with snow everywhere and a flawless blue sky gave us unlimited joy. The 12 adventurers trekked up to the Odell Overlook with incredible views of Odell Lake, Lakeview Mountain, Diamond Peak, and the surrounding area. As we headed along the PCT, we were challenged by the need to navigate under or around a large windfall. Success for all! The Westview Shelter was inviting, with an earlier guest sitting by the fire that he had started. It was a lovely lunch time with a fire, laughter, good food, cookies, and chocolate. The last portion led us back to the Sno-Park along a well-used, snow-covered road. Leading this group gave me joy. Participants: Kathie Carpenter, Daniel Conklin, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Donna Ellickson, Jean Harris, Holger Krentz, Jeff Lange, Kate Lange, Angie Ruzicka, Diane Schechter, Gina Schroeder.



Group at Odell Lake.

Westview / Odell Overlook

January 17, 2026

Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Snowshoe: 4.0 miles, 500 ft. (Mixed)

A COLD, BUT BLUEBIRD SKY greeted us at the Gold Lake Sno-Park. Conditions included both packed and crunchy snow. This was a hardy group, willing to ascend immediately by going clockwise from the junction, using the left-hand trail, which helped us to warm up very quickly! We stopped at Diamond Peak Overlook first, then Odell, where we ate lunch. We visited the Westview Shelter afterwards, which was fun to see, even without a fire on this day. Many thanks to the drivers, and to all for embracing the various levels of experience—those new to the sport did fantastically! Participants: Kathie Carpenter, Annie Chan, Tim Christie, Kim Davidson-Ruby, Steve Davis, Alan Foley, Scott Hovis, Ane McKee, Jean Stover, Ellen Syversen, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle.

Odell Overlook

January 22, 2026

Leader: Scott Hovis

Snowshoe: 3.5–5.5 miles, 450–750 ft. (Moderate)

THE TRIP WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR SALT CREEK FALLS, but due to low snow levels, we relocated it to Odell Overlook and notified everyone of the change. Initially, ten people had signed up, but only two of us went ahead. We found it to be well worth the effort. It was a beautiful, sunny day; there were some bare spots but plenty of snow to enjoy snowshoeing. We enjoyed the view from the Overlook and trekked a ways on the PCT. South Eugene High School had brought a busload of students up, and they were cooking lunch over a fire. It was heartening to see kids learning outdoor skills on a beautiful day. This week there was minimal wood left for the wood stove at the shelter. That status could change at any time. Participants: Mari Baldwin, Scott Hovis.



Stewardship

New Year's Beach Clean-Up with SOLVE

January 3, 2026

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Angie Ruzicka

Stewardship: 4.0 miles, 250 ft. (Moderate)

FIFTEEN OBSIDIANS AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY MEMBERS AND GUESTS of the Willamette Wheelers Club gathered again at the Goose Pasture Staging Area near the South Jetty, Florence, Oregon. We all participated in the SOLVE New Year's Beach Cleanup. The weather was generally much better than last year, and the Pacific January tides were impressive. Combing through coastal shrubs was successful. We are beyond the illusion that the few hundred pounds collected today are anything but a droplet in the ocean, but it feels great. Finally, the lucky volunteers enjoyed a grill on the sand dunes. The highlight was a rich raffle and the lucky Obsidians who won a gas fire-pit. On the way back, enormous ocean tides pushed the Siuslaw River very high, flooding Hwy. 126 at three places and blocking traffic near the historic 1914 Cushman Bridge. Participants: Anne Campbell, Martin Campbell, Daniel Conklin, Donna Ellickson, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Anna Maria Hunseder-Aarts, Nancy Hoecker, Margot McDonnell, Eva Mogart, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Meredith Schwieger, David Schwieger, Sandra Sigrist, Darko Sojak.

Lodge Grounds Workday

January 15, 2026

Leader & Photographer: Nancy Whitfield

Assistant Leader: David Cooper

Stewardship

EVEN THOUGH THE DAY WAS FOGGY AND COLD, 16 hardy Obsidians worked on the grounds. Many leaves were moved to clear the parking area, the fenceline continued to be cleared, debris was moved, a light was liberated from an encroaching bush, blackberries were vanquished, AND a new path was

created on the far side of the parking lot (loads of graveled moved!). Painted lines now define both paths to make them more visible at night. I am always in awe of the accomplishments of this hard-working group. Participants: Charles Ashmore, Mari Baldwin, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Helen Martz, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, John Ostrom, Maryanne Reiter, Karla Rusow, Jeffrey Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Gwynn Sawyer, Nancy Whitfield.



Workers showing off additions to grounds.

Martin Luther King Day Planting

January 19, 2026

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Stewardship: 1.5 miles, 30 ft. (Moderate)

ON A COLD JANUARY MORNING, 130 volunteers, including 25 Obsidians, participated in a Martin Luther King Day planting. We planted 184 shrubs and trees in the riparian area along the west bank of the Willamette River. Thank you to everyone for volunteering during these unpredictable times. Volunteers like you make the world a better place. Participants: Heidi Anderson, Bill Campbell, BJ Campbell, David Clinger, David Cooper, Peter Graham, Gwyneth Iredale, Jeff Lange, Kate Lange, Mandy Lund, Margot McDonnell, Andrew McIvor, Sean McLean, David Morris, Rae O'Brien, John Ostrom, Karla Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Gwynn Sawyer, Gina Schroeder, David Schwieger, Darko Sojak, Sue Wolling, Mizuki Yapp, Sarah Yapp.



Orientation.

Buzz Blumm Photography Exhibit in the Scherer Room

Lou Maenz



AN UNUSUAL AND ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS by longtime member Buzz Blumm is now on display in the Scherer Room at the Lodge. The exhibit takes the viewer on a far-reaching trip through both time and distance.

Buzz began his photography career at age 13 with a Kodak Brownie on a road trip from Bingham Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. After graduating from Marietta College, he served in the Navy in Vietnam, had a successful sales career, and launched an artisan import company with his wife Cecile. All the while he trekked, hiked, and photographed many interesting locales in dozens of countries. Buzz is the proud dad of five children and six grandchildren. Since 1992, Buzz has gone on 99 Obsidians trips, including 25 climbs, and has earned his 50-leader patch.

The scope of the photos, with the included information, is what makes this exhibit so noteworthy. The first photo, of a jet's after burners flaring during takeoff from the deck of the USS Intrepid in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1986, was taken from the military helicopter Buzz was copiloting.

The next group of photos begins at Mt. Colden in the Adirondack Mountains in northern New York in the early 1980s and goes on to a solstice sunset at Spencer Butte, and then to Tengboche, Nepal on the way up to the basecamp on Mt. Everest.

Interestingly, the viewer now takes a trip to Burning Man in 2024. There are three photos, one is of the Burning Man effigy, before serving his purpose. It (he) is surprising for its intricacy and emotional beauty, as well as an 80-foot height.

This delightful exhibit ends up back in hikers' country with a visit to Maine's Baxter State Park and Mt. Katahdin.

Meet the Author event

March 14, 2026

Noon to 2 PM

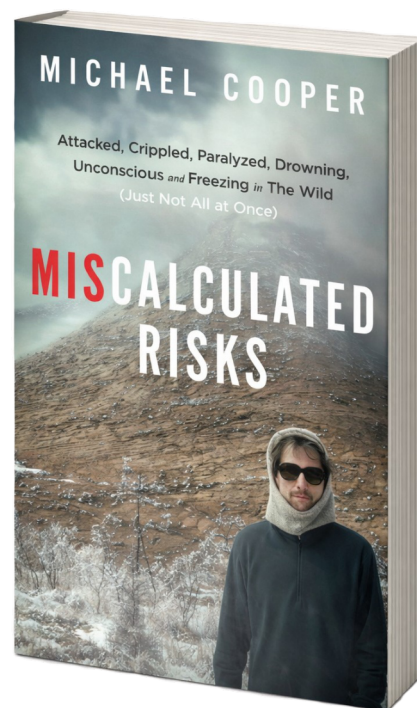
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Michael Cooper, author

Miscalculated Risks: Attacked, Crippled, Paralyzed, Drowning, Unconscious and Freezing in The Wild (Just Not All at Once)

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR AND FORMER OBSIDIAN MEMBER **MICHAEL COOPER** shares vivid readings and stories from his memoir *Miscalculated Risks*, including near-fatal adventures from Mount Jefferson and Oregon's Owyhee River to remote, off-trail desert backpacking expeditions.

Book talk, readings, Q&A, and book signing. For more information, go to the Entertainment page on www.obsidians.org



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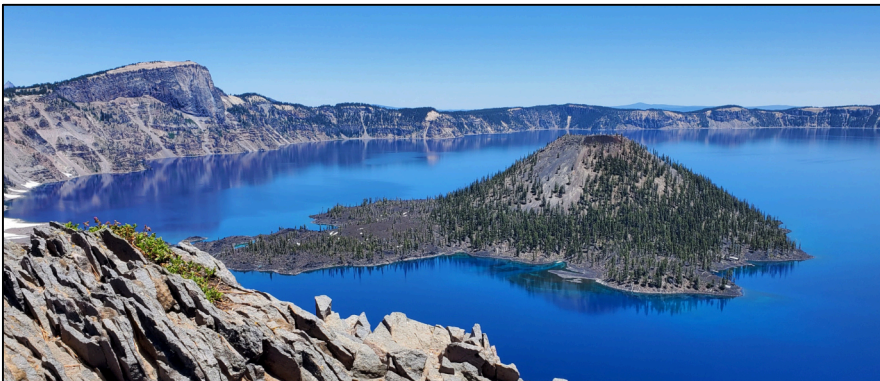
Friday, February 27, 2026

The Legend of Crater Lake

—with Gordon Sayre

CRATER LAKE, ONE OF THE WORLD'S DEEPEST AND CLEAREST FRESHWATER LANDMARKS, is a premier scenic destination and a true gem of Oregon. Formed 7,700 years ago by the eruption and collapse of Mount Mazama, it is steeped in rich cultural history and lore. Fellow Obsidian Gordon Sayre, UO professor of English & Folklore, will examine how the Klamath people have interpreted and preserved this dramatic event through their oral tradition.

Join us for this engaging presentation and gain a new appreciation the next time you visit and see Llao Rock and Wizard Island.



You do not need to be an Obsidian member to attend; no sign-up is necessary. All are welcome. Visit www.obsidians.org/events/category/entertainment for more information.



Potluck & Presentation

Friday, February 27, 2026

Obsidian Lodge

Social Time 6 PM

Potluck 6:30 PM Presentation 7:30 PM

*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share
along with your own plate, bowl, utensils, and cup
that you'll take home to wash.
A small donation will be gladly appreciated.*

OBSIDIANS EVENTS

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Regularly Scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday Hikes

Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Various Leaders

Distance: 8.5 mi. Elevation gain: 1,740 ft.

Tuesdays:

February 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Amazon Headwaters to Spencer Butte Various Leaders

Distance: 6.2 mi. Elevation gain: 1,530 ft.

Wednesdays:

February 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

CHECK FOR DETAILS & SIGN UP ONLINE

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STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Think Globally, Act Locally

Friday, February 13

1–3:00 PM

Habitat Work Party

Saturday, February 21

10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance

9:00 AM–NOON

Saturday, February 28

Saturday, March 28

Have a question?

Contact obsidians-stewardship@googlegroups.com

Get Acquainted Hikes

Second Saturday of the Month:
February 14, March 14, April 11

Members and nonmembers, please join us!
Sign up online.

This is an easy and always enjoyable
romp through the woods.

Please contact Dorothy for the particulars.

dorothyvanwinkle@yahoo.com

(541) 485-7416, land line, no texting

Thank you!

Mt. Pisgah Sunset Full Moonrise

Distance: 3 miles round trip Elevation gain: 1,000 ft.

March 1

March 31

Guests welcome
**CHECK FOR DETAILS
& SIGN UP ONLINE**

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Upcoming GameNight! dates are:

Thursday, February 12,
Tuesday, March 17 (changed from 3/10)
Thursday, April 16

4:30 –7:30 PM at the Lodge

Be sure to check the Obsidians
calendar before you arrive in case of a change
in date or time.

For more information, go to the Entertainment
page on obsidians.org



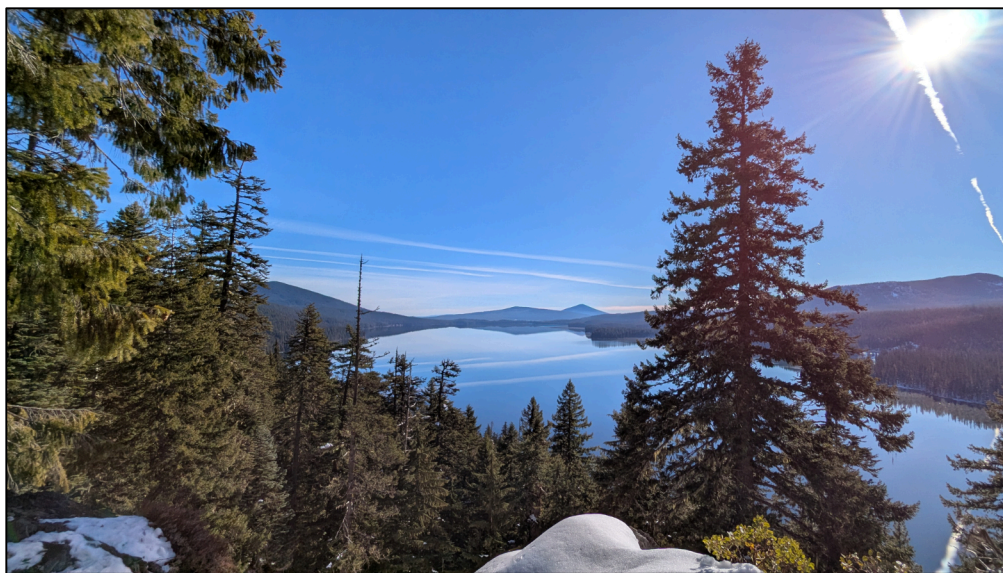
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*Odell Lake from the overlook. Photo by Holger Krentz. See the
Westview Shelter trip report on page 11.*

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