

# Chemeketan

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photo: Brett Milliken

Beginner snowshoe group at Maxwell Shelter in December: back row: Brett Milliken, Dave Foulger, Jack Myrtue, Shannon O'Shea, Mike Pennington, Mark Albers, Mary Wandell, Dave Carter, Michael Rudy, Curtis Baker; middle row: Bill Tourtellotte, Chris Fisher, Mark Olson, Jerry Johnson, Rosanna Wilson, Margaret Saxe; front row: Cathy Lazarus, Stephen Rockford, Debby Niewald, Steve Dougherty, Deirdre Sevier, Karen Albers

## GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THIS WINTER!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE JANUARY 31**

The *Chemeketans* are a group united in a common interest in outdoor activities. Application for membership may be made after completion of two qualifying trips with the club. For information, contact any member of the Executive Council.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Trip Participation

It is your responsibility to determine from the description of distance, altitude, terrain, trail and possible weather conditions, whether you, your children, and your guests can fully participate. The leader may refuse to take anyone not properly equipped or who is judged incapable of making the specific trip. All valuables should be left at home or carried with you — not left in a vehicle at the trailhead. Dogs/pets are not permitted.

### Guests (non-members)

A guest under 18 years of age must provide a signed RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK to the trip leader if he/she is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

### Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate foot gear and clothing (no jeans), carry lunch, water, rain gear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":

EXTRA food/clothing/water

flashlight & extra battery

lighter/matches in waterproof container

solar blanket and/or ground insulation in winter

Insect repellent

first aid materials

sunglasses

pocket knife

toilet paper

candle

sunscreen

whistle

small shovel

### Trip Ratings:

**DAWDLERS:** Pace slow, group makes frequent stops for viewing, photography, etc.

**EASY:** Max. 5 miles round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 feet.

**MEDIUM:** 6 - 10 miles round trip, 1000 - 2000 feet elevation gain.

**HARD:** Long, strenuous, and difficult.

### Trip Meeting Points

**RAS** = Rite Aid South, south Commercial, behind bus stop

**CCC** = WEEKENDS ONLY – Green Parking Lot (lot off Cooley Dr off Lancaster Side)

**RLC** = Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4665 Lancaster Dr (corner of Hayesville Dr – but never on Sunday)

**SKM** = Big K Lot, 2470 Mission St., Mission St. side, just west of Jack-in-the-Box

**RPR** = Roth's Portland Road, 4746 Portland Road NE (park in northwest corner on Portland Road)

**PAR** = State Motor Pool Park and Ride lot on Airport Road

**DEN** = 360½ State Street

**FMN** = Fred Meyer North west side of lot (River Road side)

**SAF** = Safeway West Salem, use Capital Manor exit from 22. Park on Edgewater -- southwest corner

**MBI** = Minto Brown Island Park (1st parking lot on right as you enter island)

### Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

To reimburse drivers for vehicle operation costs, the suggested donation is 9¢ per mile per person to drivers.

**February Hiking Coordinator:** John Huff 503-507-7348

### Membership and Bulletins

The best way for prospective members to request club information and guest bulletins is to complete the online "MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REQUEST FORM", available on our website [www.chemeketans.org](http://www.chemeketans.org) under "Membership" or "Contact Us".

When mailing requests to Chemeketans, Membership Secretary, PO Box 864, Salem OR 97308 or email [chememb@chemeketans.org](mailto:chememb@chemeketans.org) and use an unambiguous subject line and include a snail mail address and phone number.

If you mail in names of prospective members on sign-up sheets, instead of directing people to the website, it is very helpful to include email addresses.

**Renewing Members:** First adult \$26 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues); Additional Adult \$14 dues; Junior \$3 dues.

**New Members:** First adult \$31 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues + \$5 application fee); Additional Adult \$19 (\$14 dues + \$5 application fee); Junior (under 18 years) \$8 (\$3 dues + \$5 application fee). A junior who is the only Chemeketan in a household would also pay the \$12 household fee. The membership year starts January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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To submit an Activity or We Were There report, use the online forms on the [www.chemeketans.org](http://www.chemeketans.org) website. If you do not have internet access, ask a friend or the hiking coordinator to do this for you. You may also call, email, or send your write-ups directly to the editors. Do not send forms to the P.O. Box.

The **Chemekeden** is located at 360½ State Street, Salem. Members may schedule the facility with the Chemekeden Committee Chair.

The **Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide** is available at [www.chemeketans.org/Leader\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf)

**Thunderbird Lodge:** To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Road, call or email Kim Hyatt: [pkhyatt@msn.com](mailto:pkhyatt@msn.com), 503-362-2765

## FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Location & Activity	Leader
Thurs	Jan 26	Potato Hill X-Ski (not in the January bulletin)	Ted Young
Wed	1	Audubon Nature Reserve Blackberry Removal	Lee Slattum
Thurs	2	Downhill Ski at Hoodoo Ski Bowl	Ted Young
Thurs	2	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri	3	Backpack Potluck – Morningside Church	Allan King/Joanne DeMay
Sat	4	Mt. Pisgah Hike	Jon Huff
Sat	4	Minto Brown Walk	Pam Ferrara
Sun-Fri	5-10	Diamond Lake Senior Ski Week	Carrol Maurer
Sun	5	Santiam Canyon Snowshoe	Jean Gabriel
Mon	6	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	8	Maxell Butte Loop X-Ski	Don Gallagher
Wed	8	Silver Falls Hike	Sue McDonald
Wed	8	Audubon Nature Reserve Blackberry Removal	Lee Slattum
Thurs	9	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	9	Second Thursday Get-together	Jean Gabriel
Fri	10	Picture Night – Patagonia	Mary Liepins
Sat	11	McDonald Forest Hike	Wayne Wallace
Sat	11	Minto Brown Walk	Pam Ferrara
Sun	12	Spencer Butte Hike	Jim Rastorfer
Mon	13	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	15	Santiam Canyon X-Ski	Dave Carter
Wed	15	Audubon Nature Reserve Blackberry Removal	Lee Slattum
Thurs	16	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs-Sun	16-19	Route Finding School	Steve Dougherty
Sat	18	McDowell Creek Falls Hike	Carroll Maurer
Sat	18	Santiam Pass Area X-Ski	Roz Shirack
Sat	18	Minto Brown Walk	Pam Ferrara
Sun	19	Portland Neighborhood Hike	J. Elizabeth Seibert
Sun	19	Santiam Canyon X-Ski	Rick Cooper
Mon	20	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tues	21	Cape Lookout Hike	George Struble
Wed	22	Santiam Pass Area X-Ski	Don Gallagher
Wed	22	Audubon Nature Reserve Blackberry Removal	Lee Slattum
Thurs	23	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	25	Little North Santiam Hike	Lee Slattum
Sat-Sun	25-26	Wilderness First Aid Training	Mike Niemeyer
Sat	25	Minto Brown Walk	Pam Ferrara
Sun	26	Big Springs X-Ski	Ken Ash
Sun	26	Upper Dan's Trail Hike	Bill Wylie
Mon	27	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tues	28	Silver Falls Hike	Ken Ash
Wed	29	Santiam Canyon X-Ski	Dave Carter
Wed	29	Audubon Nature Reserve Blackberry Removal	Lee Slattum

## FUTURE EVENTS

Wed	April 4, 11	Chemeketan Climb School Classroom Sessions	Bill Saur
Sat-Sun	April 14-15	Chemeketan Climb School Field Sessions	Bill Saur
Sun-Sat	May 27-June 2, 2012	Canyon De Chelly	Hardin King
Sat-Sat	Aug 4 – Aug 18	2012 Annual Outing – Mark your calendar now!	Dave Carter

## 2011 CHEMEKETAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DUE DATES!!** Please submit your bulletin articles by the **FIRST** of the preceding month.

### COLUMBIA GORGE PERMIT/PASS INFORMATION:

As of July 1, 2011, the Washington Discover Pass is required at Washington State Parks, Washington State Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) lands, and Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) areas. For more information visit this website: [www.discoverpass.wa.gov/](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/)

### DISCOUNT VENDORS

The stores listed below will honor your Chemeketan membership sticker with a discount:

- **Oregon Mountain Community**, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, 503-227-1038 - 10% discount.
- **The Mountain Shop**, 628 NE Broadway, Portland, 503-288-6768 - 15% discount.
- **Next Adventure**, 426 SE Grand, Portland, 503-233-0706 - 10% discount.

- **US Outdoor Store**, 219 SW Broadway, Portland, 503-223-5937 - 10% discount.
- **Peak Sports**, 207 NW 2nd, Corvallis, 541-754-6444 - 10% discount.
- **Redpoint Climber's Supply**, 800-923-6207, 8283 11th St. Terrebonne -10% discount.
- **Sports Authority**, 831 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, 503-378-0300 - \$10 off any purchase of \$50 or more.

### ADS

A Chemeketan member may place one small non-commercial ad per year - for example, offering outdoor equipment for sale - in the *Chemeketan* bulletin, free of charge. These classified ads are subject to space availability. There will be no display ads placed on the back cover. Ads must be sent via email directly to the editors and must be received by the first of the month preceding the month in which they are to be published.

## WHERE AND WHEN

Refer to General Information on Page 2 for trip ratings, meeting point locations and other important information. Trips leave promptly at the time stated so be there a few minutes ahead of time. RT = round trip

**Thursday, January 26, SKM, 8:00 a.m., POTATO HILL X-SKI**

**TED YOUNG 503-510-8312**

Not groomed. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Wednesday, February 1, AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE BLACKBERRY REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Like many of you, I am both a Chemeketan and a Salem Audubon member. I have volunteered to lead a blackberry removal program at the Audubon Nature Reserve, located in West Salem on Eola Drive, behind the Safeway grocery store on Edgewater. We work every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00, using shears to cut up the vines down to their base. No dragging or stacking is involved. We have also started to work on other invasive species. At 11:00, we quit and head to the McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Since starting in February 2011, we have made good progress with our collaborative effort.

**Thursday, February 2, SKM, 7:30 a.m., DOWNHILL SKI AT HOODOO**

**TED YOUNG 503-510-8312**

Must purchase a lift ticket (a Shell Oil fill-up, two-for-one pass is valid on Thursdays.) Bring your lunch. Weather and road conditions permitting. Fast pace.

**Thursday, February 2, CENTER 50+ LUNCH LEE SLATTUM**

Into the fourth year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the new City of Salem Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$4.50 if you are 50 or better; \$6.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as February 2012

Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking. Be among the first to stay for bingo.

**Friday, February 3, 6:00 p.m., BACKPACK POTLUCK AT MORNINGSIDE CHURCH  
ALLAN KING 503-399-9990 & JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

No food in Salem is better than a Chemeketan potluck. Join us for the annual backpack potluck at Morningside Methodist, 3674 12 St. SE, Salem. We'll enjoy dinner, conversation with new and old friends, get a preview of the 2012 backpack schedule. We provide coffee, tea, juice, paper plates and plasticware. You bring your favorite salad, main dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome. Call or email if you have questions.

**Saturday, February 4, MT. PISGAH HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN HUFF**

We will start at the north trailhead and hike around to the east side of the mountain then approach the summit from there. Views at the top include the southern Willamette Valley and in the distance the Cascade peaks. We will return via the arboretum trails. Come prepared for muddy trails. Check roster for leader's contact info. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 140 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 1300 feet.

**Saturday, February 4, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN WALK  
PAM FERRARA 503-587-8723**

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles.

**Sunday-Friday, February 5-10, DIAMOND LAKE SENIOR SKI WEEK  
CARROL MAURER 503-856-8230**

Cross-country ski or snowshoe at Diamond Lake. Share expense of cabin, \$139 per night, 4 ways. Take Amtrak and

shuttle to and from resort. Lessons and tours at all levels, entertainment nightly (including one talent show!). Dinners are included (the food is great) plus one pizza lunch for \$175 per person. Cabin has 2 bedrooms, one queen and two twins. Please send deposit by January 29 to Carrol Maurer, 5426 Chetco Ct. NE, Keizer 97303. Come have fun in a beautiful spot.

**Sunday, February 5, SANTIAM CANYON SNOWSHOE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL**

The location of this snowshoe trip will depend on the snow conditions. I have several possible destinations in mind, many of which have views on a clear day. The distance will be 6-8 miles with an elevation gain of 800 to 1200 feet, so this trip is rated difficult and not suited for beginners. Pre-register by phone, not by email. See roster for phone number. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Snowshoe dist 8 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Monday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

Come spend a couple of hours drinking coffee with the other old geezers. Not an event you can afford to miss. Fast pace. RATED: DAWDLERS.

**Wednesday, February 8, MAXWELL BUTTE LOOP X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: DON GALLAGHER**

Snow conditions permitting this ski trip will begin and end at Big Meadow Road and include lunch at the shelter. The leader is reserving the right to move to an alternate trip. Pre-register with leader at [dongall39@comcast.net](mailto:dongall39@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Ski dist 6 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Wednesday, February 8, SILVER FALLS HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: SUE MCDONALD**

The falls on Silver Creek can be magnificent in the winter. Join us for this close-in mid-week hike. Pre-register at [su12065@aol.com](mailto:su12065@aol.com). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 55 miles, Hike dist 7.1 miles, Elev. 600 feet

**Wednesday, February 8, AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE  
BLACKBERRY REMOVAL  
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See February 1 write-up.

**Thursday, February 9, CENTER 50+ LUNCH  
LEE SLATTUM. See February 2 write-up.**

**Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m. SECOND THURSDAY GET-TOGETHER, JEAN GABRIEL**

Let's get together at Gamberetti's in the Pringle Park Plaza. They offer tasty choices such as pasta, pizza, and salads. I'll try to reserve a large table for us, if they accept reservations. Come and enjoy a night out with your Chemeketan buds.

**Friday, February 10, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT  
MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385**

Patagonia - Carol Doolittle will share pictures and stories about hiking and touring in Patagonia with her sister about this time last year.

**Saturday, February 11, MBI, 8:00 a.m., MCDONALD  
FOREST HIKE  
WAYNE WALLACE**

This hike goes to Dimple Hill with side trips to an area of heavily mossed trees and to an Oregon newt breeding pond. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 70 miles, Hike dist 8.5 miles, Elev. 850 feet.

**Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN WALK  
PAM FERRARA 503-587-8723**

See February 4 write-up.

**Sunday, February 12, 8:00 a.m., SPENCER BUTTE HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: JIM RASTORFER 503-390-4640**

This hike is mostly through a Douglas fir forest at the southern edge of Eugene. We will hike from the Martin St. trailhead to the summit of Spencer Butte. On a clear day the view can include the Cascade peaks as well as the southern Willamette valley. The top of the butte is actually above the tree-line and consists mainly of rock formations and grass. Come prepared for muddy trails and unpredictable weather. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 130 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 1500 feet.

**Monday, February 13, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

See February 6 write-up.

**Wednesday, February 15, SANTIAM CANYON X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

This will be cross country ski trip in the Santiam Canyon area. The actual trip will be based on snow conditions. Contact leader about a week before the scheduled date for more details. I will try to have a lake as the destination. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Ski dist 5 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Wednesday, February 15, AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE  
BLACKBERRY REMOVAL  
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See February 1 write-up.

**Thursday, February 16, CENTER 50+ LUNCH  
LEE SLATTUM – See February 2 write-up.**

**Thursday-Sunday, February 16-February 19, DEN, 6:30 p.m., ROUTE FINDING SCHOOL  
STEVE DOUGHERTY 503-566-8899**

Carrying a map and compass is not enough. Backcountry travelers must have a solid understanding of how to use these essential tools. The Chemeketan Route Finding School will teach you the skills you need to "stay found". This three-part series of workshops focuses on learning and practicing map, compass and GPS skills. Part one "Using Maps" is a three-hour lecture and will focus solely on revealing and understanding the enormous amount of information available in a topographical map. Parts two and three will focus on compass and GPS skills respectively. Both will consist of equal parts lecture and field session practice. The field session exercises are critical for participants to internalize the skills introduced in the lecture sessions. Lectures take place at the Chemeketan Club Room at 360 1/2 State Street in downtown Salem (above Cooke Stationary). Field sessions will be held within walking distance of the Chemeketan Club Room at Salem's Riverfront Park. Participants are expected to bring their own compass. If you do not own a GPS you will be partnered with someone who does. Space is limited to 50 participants per session. Cost is \$19 for Chemeketan members and \$39 for non-members. Sign-up on line at

[www.cascadeadventures.net](http://www.cascadeadventures.net). Make checks payable to the Chemeketans and mail to the leader: Steve Dougherty, PO Box 9, Mehama, OR 97384. Schedule: Part 1: Using Maps Thu. Feb 16, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Part 2: Using Map and Compass Sat. Feb 18, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Part 3: Using a GPS Sun. Feb 19, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 18, MCDOWELL CREEK FALLS HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: CARROL MAURER 503-856-8230**

McDowell Creek County Park is east of Lebanon. The trail goes past Majestic Falls and Royal Terrace Falls and is only 1.6 miles long, so we can repeat the loop if the group wishes. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 102 miles.

**Saturday, February 18, SANTIAM PASS AREA X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

We will ski somewhere in the Santiam Pass area, or lower, depending on where we find the best snow conditions. This will be an intermediate level ski. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN WALK  
PAM FERRARA 503-587-8723**

See February 4 write-up.

**Sunday, February 19, RPR, PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD  
J. ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785**

We will take a walk in a Portland neighborhood, probably a hilly one. If the weather is bad, we'll have lunch in a restaurant; if the weather looks rain-free, we'll opt for a park or some of Portland's famous food carts. Check the lunch plan with the leader when signing up. In either case, bring money for a hot coffee/tea stop. This walk will be limited to two cars of five each to maximize fossil fuel use and make food/drink stops manageable. Please register tentative interest by Friday, February 17: [jseibert@willamette.edu](mailto:jseibert@willamette.edu) or by phone. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 100 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Sunday, February 19, SANTIAM CANYON X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

We will travel up the Santiam Canyon looking for snow. Depending on conditions, we will ski, snowshoe or hike. Please call or email leader (at [cooperrm50@gmail.com](mailto:cooperrm50@gmail.com)) a couple days before the trip to find out the destination and to pre-register. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT  
THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

See February 6 write-up.

**Tuesday, February 21, 8:00 a.m., CAPE LOOKOUT HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929**

We get spectacular views of the coast, and cormorants, etc. in the dense coastal forest. Wear boots; the trail is guaranteed to be muddy and sloppy. And dress for the weather! Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

**Wednesday, February 22, SANTIAM PASS AREA X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: DON GALLAGHER**

This cross-country ski trip will occur somewhere near the Santiam Pass depending on snow conditions. Options will include Ray Benson, Maxwell Butte or Potato Hill Sno-Parks as well as the burn area on the north side of Hwy 20. Pre-register with leader at [dongall39@comcast.net](mailto:dongall39@comcast.net). Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Ski dist 6 miles.

**Wednesday, February 22, AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE  
BLACKBERRY REMOVAL, LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See February 1 write-up.

**Thursday, February 23, CENTER 50+ LUNCH,  
LEE SLATTUM – See February 2 write-up.**

**Saturday, February 25, LITTLE NORTH SANTIAM HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: LEE SLATTUM**

Looking to keep your hiking gas bill down in these tough economic times? Consider doing a close-in hike off of the Little North Fork Road. Hopefully, this will be a snow hike. Hiking poles and gaiters are in order. Mostly along the roaring, boulder-filled Little North Fork Santiam River, this trail has plenty of steep ups and downs; consequently, it hikes harder than its listed 900 feet of elevation gain. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 76 miles, Hike dist 9.0 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Saturday-Sunday, February 25 - 26, 8:00 a.m.,  
WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING  
PRE-REG W/LDR: MIKE NIEMEYER 503-910-9726**

This is an intensive, 18 hour Wilderness First Aid course limited to 20 students. The course will teach practical skills and decision-making using realistic emergency medical scenarios that might be encountered on a climbing or backpacking trip in the cascades. The training will be conducted at Silver Falls State Park. Cost is \$45. For additional details see <http://mikessummits.blogspot.com>.

**Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN WALK  
PAM FERRARA 503-587-8723**

See February 4 write-up.

**Sunday, February 26, BIG SPRINGS X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

We will have a day of fun in the snow in the Big Springs area...or wherever the snow is. Contact by phone or at [mrkenash@comcast.net](mailto:mrkenash@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 150 miles, Ski dist 8 miles, Elev. 800 feet.pace.

**Sunday, February 26, 8:00 a.m., UPPER DAN'S TRAIL HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315**

This nice loop hike is a combination of forest road, foot and horse trails in the Greenbelt Land Trust just north of Corvallis. The hike includes Dimple Hill with a great view of Marys Peak and the valley south of Corvallis. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 1450 feet.

**Monday, February 27, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT  
THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

See February 6 write-up.

**Tuesday, February 28, SILVER FALLS HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

The usual winter hike from Winter Falls to the lodge for lunch and back. Contact by phone or at [mrkenash@comcast.net](mailto:mrkenash@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Ski dist 5 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Wednesday, February 29, SANTIAM CANYON X-SKI  
PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

This will be a Santiam Canyon area X-ski trip with the location dependent on snow conditions. Contact the leader about a week before the date to get more details. Please note this is LEAP YEAR DAY. So come skiing and enjoy the extra day. Moderate pace.

**Wednesday, February 29, AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE  
BLACKBERRY REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**  
See February 2 write-up.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Wednesdays, April 4,11 Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15,  
CHEMEKETAN CLIMB SCHOOL  
PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL SAUR 206-525-6025**

The 2012 Chemeketan Climb School is a great introduction to basic mountaineering and rock climbing skills. Students attend two classroom sessions and a weekend field session. Chemeketan Climb School, or an equivalent, is required to participate in club sponsored climbs. The classroom sessions will be held on two Wednesday nights April 4 and 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Both classroom sessions will be held at the clubroom, the Chemekeden, at 360 1/2 State St., upstairs above Cooke's Stationery in downtown Salem. Students must attend both classroom sessions to complete the school. The field sessions will be held on April 14-15. These two days are devoted to rock climbing practice at Horsethief Butte on Saturday and snow skills at Mt. Hood on Sunday. Horsethief Butte is on the Washington side of the Columbia River opposite The Dalles, Oregon. We'll be camping Saturday night at the state park and eating a buffet dinner at Spooky's Pizza in The Dalles. The costs for both the camping and the buffet are included in your registration fee (\$145 for members). Climb school students must be at least 16 years old by April 15, 2012. Students who are 16 or 17 years old must be accompanied by a guardian who is a paid climb school participant. The guardian is expected to stay with and be responsible for the younger participant throughout the weekend field sessions. The number of climb school participants is limited to 40. Please register on line at [http://www.chemeketans.org/climb\\_school.asp](http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp) where further information is available. You may also contact Bill Saur at

[bsaur@comcast.net](mailto:bsaur@comcast.net) (phone 206-525-6025) or Amanda Blankenship at [una20\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:una20_1999@yahoo.com).  
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**Sunday-Saturday, May 27-June 2, 2012. CANYON DE  
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PRE-REG W/LDR: HARDIN KING 503-845-9340**

Canyon de Chelly (Northeast Arizona) May 27 - June 5 Base-camp in beautiful Canyon de Chelly. Day hike 6-10 miles with elevation gains of 1200' +/- in different environments daily. View numerous Anasazi cliff dwellings; enjoy rock art of Anasazi/Ute/ Hopi/Navajo. Become acquainted with three generations of a Navajo family and share a sweat/potluck with them. Be surrounded by: the quiet beauty of patina-covered red-rock canyon walls, turquoise blue sky, green desert riparian areas; and, sleep with canyon walls providing views of crystal clear desert night skies. Interested? Call or email Hardin King ASAP: 503-845-9340 or [hardinking@hotmail.com](mailto:hardinking@hotmail.com). Moderate pace.  
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Hike dist 45 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

**Saturday – Saturday, Aug 4 -18, 2012 Annual Outing  
Dave Carter**

The Trinity Alps Wilderness, only 6-7 travel hours from Salem, is a heavily glaciated range of granite and serpentine, rich in lakes, meadows and snowy peaks. Our camp at 2500 feet is near the shore of Trinity Lake in pines and oaks. We will have running water and some flush toilets!  
Mark your calendars now and encourage others to join us. See more details in the Prospectus.

## WE WERE THERE

**Chemeketan Intro to Snowshoeing, December 8**

Two sessions were necessary to accommodate the 98 participants who signed up for the second annual Chemeketan Intro to Snowshoeing training. The large turnout was attributed to a very nice feature in the Statesman Journal, written by outdoor editor, Henry Miller. The two 7 p.m. training sessions were given by Steve Dougherty on Thursday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 13 at the Chemekeden. Topics included snowshoe equipment, how to dress for a snowshoe day trip, winter sport etiquette, and logistics for the Maxwell and Potato Hill beginner snowshoe trips. There was no charge for the two hour trainings. The online handout can be found here ... [http://www.cascadeadventures.net/misc/chemeketan\\_intro\\_to\\_snowshoeing.pdf](http://www.cascadeadventures.net/misc/chemeketan_intro_to_snowshoeing.pdf). The training sessions and the follow up beginner snowshoe trips should bring many new members into the club.

**Maxwell Sno-Park Beginner Snowshoe, December 17**

Twenty-one people participated in this year's beginner snowshoe from the Maxwell Sno-Park to the Mountainview.

The group enjoyed outstanding weather; blue skies and unseasonably warm temperatures. From the shelter we could see Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington and the Three Sisters. Just the top of Mt. Jefferson peaked over the ridge north of the shelter. A foot or two of snow covered the ground in most places. The few small stretches of the trail that were bare of snow did not dampen the enjoyment of the participants. The trip was led by Steve Dougherty and Dave Carter and assisted by Mark Olson, Cathy Lazarus, Stephen Rockford, Michael Rudy and Mary Wandell. Remaining participants were: Karen Albers, Mark Albers, Curtis Baker, Weixuan Baker, Chris Fisher, Dave Foulger, Brett Milliken, Debby Niewald, Shannon O'Shea, Mike Pennington, Margaret Saxe, Deirdre Sevier, Bill Tourtellotte and Rosanna Wilson.



December 21 beginners' snowshoe trip, near Blowout Shelter. Vivienne Torgeson, David Jackson, Sylvia Dawson, Jerry Kerson, Ron Noble, Trish Rossitto. Photo: Ken Ash