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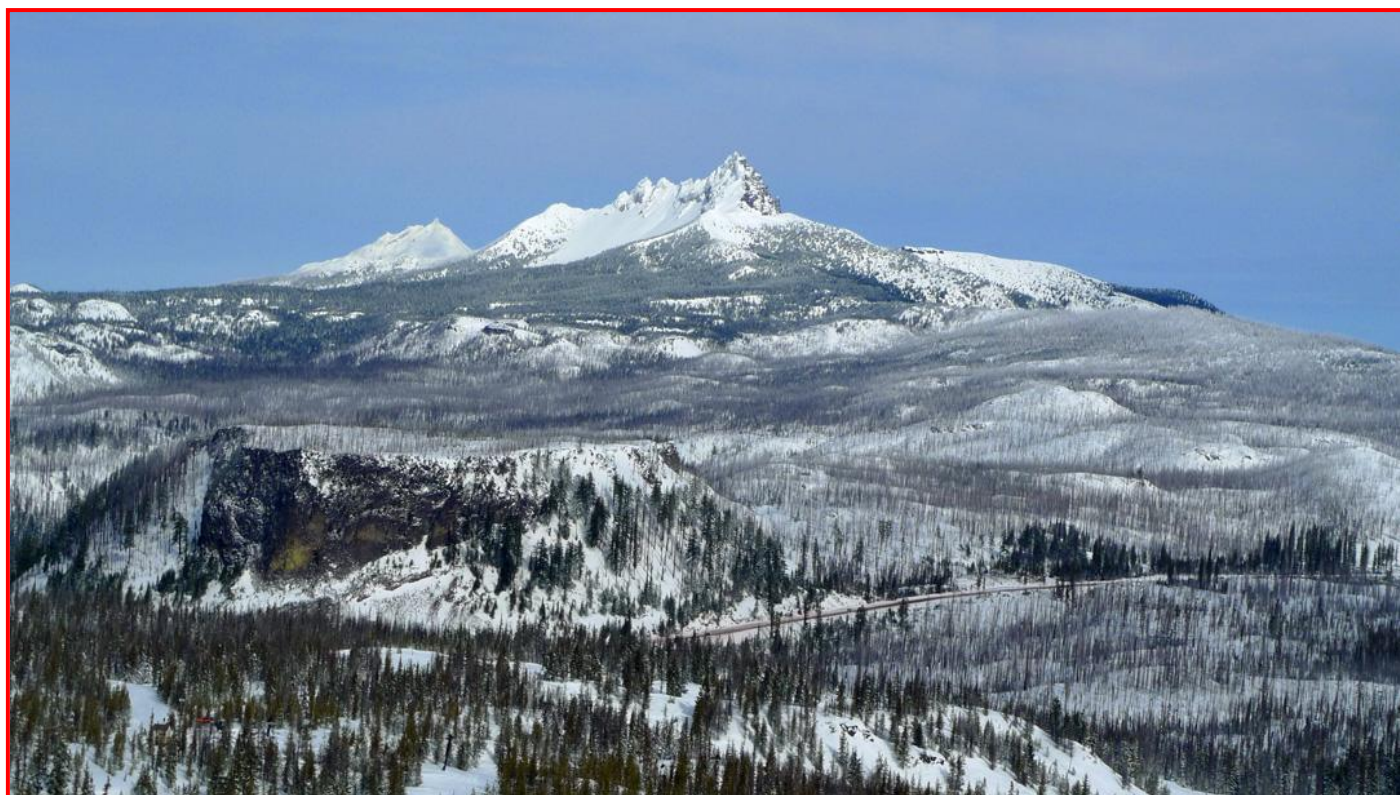


Photo: Bill Geibel

Santiam Pass - Devastating burns open up new exploration opportunities for Chemeketan snowshoers and crosscountry skiers.

ANNUAL BANQUET, SATURDAY APRIL 20

SPECIAL GUEST, AUTHOR **CRAIG ROMANO**, WILL GIVE AN AFTER-DINNER TALK AND SLIDESHOW. HOST AND EMCEE WILL BE OUR OWN **LEE SLATTUM**. SEE BACK PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN FOR DETAILS.

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 and forms, contact www.chemeketans.org

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 footwear and clothing (no bluejeans), carry lunch, water, raingear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":

EXTRA food/clothing/water
flashlight and 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 mi round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 ft.

MEDIUM: 6-10 mi round trip, 1000-2000 ft 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 = 360-1/2 State Street

FMN = Fred Meyer northwest 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.

Coordinators for:

April Hiking: Janet Templar, templars@mac.com
503-393-5099

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503-371-7689

Dawdler Hikes: Mary Narey, narey733@comcast.net,
503-364-1294

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 under "Membership" or "Contact Us". You may mail requests to Chemeketans, Membership Secretary, PO Box 864, Salem OR 97308 or email 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.

New and Renewing Members: First adult \$26 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues); Additional Adult \$14 dues; Junior \$3 dues. A junior who is the only Chemeketan in a household would also pay the \$12 household fee. The membership year starts January 1st.

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This issue was edited by Mike Berger.

The May issue will be edited by Bill Geibel.

The June issue will be edited by Joanne DeMay.

To submit an Activity or We Were There report, use the online forms on the 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 at their home addresses.

The Chemekeden is located at 360-1/2 State Street, Salem. Members may schedule the facility with the Chemekeden Committee Chair.

The Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide is available at http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf.

Thunderbird Lodge: To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Rd., call or email Kim Hyatt: pkhyatt@msn.com,
503-362-2765

April 2013 Calendar

Day	Date	Location and Activity	Leader
Mon	Apr 1	Koffee Klatch at The Beanery	Bill Anning
Mon	Apr 1	Hilly Salem Walk	J. Elizabeth Seibert
Wed	Apr 3	Santiam Pass Area X-Ski	Mary Liepins
Wed	Apr 3	Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 4	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	Apr 6	MacDonald Forest Hike	Ken Ash
Sat	Apr 6	Saddle Mountain Hike	Joanne DeMay
Sun	Apr 7	Portland Urban Hike	Wayne Wallace
Mon	Apr 8	Koffee Klatch at The Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	Apr 9	Stahlman Point Hike	Sue MacDonald
Wed	Apr 10	Tualatin Hills Nature Park Hike	Mary Narey
Wed	Apr 10	Santiam Area Snowshoe	Ralph Nafziger
Wed	Apr 10	Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal	Lee Slattum
Wed	Apr 10	Climb School Classroom Sessions	Amanda Blankenship
Thu	Apr 11	2nd Thursday Pizza Night	Jean Gabriel
Thu	Apr 11	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 11	Hamilton Mountain Hike	George Struble
Fri	Apr 12	Picture Night	Mary Liepins
Sat	Apr 13	Willamette Mission State Park Hike	Pat Simila
Sat	Apr 13	Indian Point Hike	Jean Gabriel
Mon	Apr 15	Koffee Klatch at The Beanery	Bill Anning
Mon	Apr 15	Alea Falls Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Tue	Apr 16	Silver Creek Falls Hike	Diane Clayton
Wed	Apr 17	Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal	Lee Slattum
Wed	Apr 17	Downtown Parks Of Salem Hike	Janet Rafalovich
Wed	Apr 17	Climb School Classroom Sessions	Amanda Blankenship
Thu	Apr 18	Bells Mountain Hike	Betsy Belshaw
Thu	Apr 18	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 18	Bush Park/Deepwood Hike	John Savage
Sat	Apr 20	Chemeketan Annual Banquet	Karen Craven
Sat	Apr 20	Soap Creek Loop - Dunn Forest Hike	Doris deLespinasse
Sat-Sun	Apr 20 - 21	2013 Climb School Field Sessions	Amanda Blankenship
Sun	Apr 21	Mosier Twin Tunnels Hike	Matt Rieke
Sun	Apr 21	Cascade Head Hike	Bob Custer
Mon	Apr 22	Koffee Klatch at The Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	Apr 24	Eagle Creek to High Bridge Hike	Don Gallagher
Wed	Apr 24	Beazell Memorial Forest Hike	Mary Narey
Wed	Apr 24	Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 25	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri	Apr 26	Silver Creek Falls Hike	George Struble
Sat	Apr 27	Alder Creek Paddlefest	Laurelyn Schellin
Sat	Apr 27	McDonald Forest - Dimple Hill Hike from Lewisburg Saddle	Joanne Fitzgerald
Sun	Apr 28	Hamilton Mountain Hike	Mary Coleman
Mon	Apr 29	Koffee Klatch at The Beanery	Bill Anning
Mon	Apr 29	Detroit Lake Low Water Paddle	Paula Hyatt
Tue-Tue	Apr 30 - May 7	San Jacinto Wilderness Backpack	Tom Eaton

Future Events

Day	Date	Location And Activity	Leader
Wed	May 1	Smith Rock (and more?) Hike	Don Gallagher
Thu	May 23	Backpack Class	Rick Cooper
Sun-Sat	May 26 - June 1	Canyon De Chelly (NE Arizona) Hike	Hardin King
Thu-Mon	May 30 - June 3	Wenaha River Backpack	Bob Custer

2013 Chemeketan Executive Council

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Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Chemekeden at 360 ½ State Street, Salem

Members are welcome to observe

Present: Jim Rastorfer, Amy Dale, Franca Hernandez, Karen Craven, Sherrill Breen, Bonnie Arias, Diane Clayton, Neil Peterson.

Absent: Matt Rieke

Guests: Steve Dougherty, Gloria Petrie

Approve Executive Council Minutes of January 14th 2012:

Karen Craven voiced concern about improving system of minute approval. Minutes are published in bulletin before Council can formerly approve. Council agreed to discuss again at another meeting.

Action: Amy Dale moved to approve the minutes; Franca Hernandez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for January 2013: Matt Rieke

Matt was unavailable to give report at meeting but report was submitted via email to Council February 19th.

January 2013 reports:

- Reconciliation detail report 1010 main checking account period 1-31-2013.
- Reconciliation detail report 1006 climbing account period ending 1-31-2013.
- Assets and liabilities for January 2013 compared to January 2012.

The club's revenues totaled \$3211.41. That includes \$3024.00 in new/renewal memberships, \$24.00 from general store sales, \$158.00 in cabin rentals and \$5.41 in interest from checking account. The club's expenses totaled \$2228.23 which consisted of \$630.88 in Chemekeden expenses (\$550 rent for December 2012 and January 2013), \$65.98 in utility costs to City of Salem for two months, electrical use costs to PGE of \$14.90, Council ballot cost of \$337.58, \$270.00 administrative costs to bookkeeper, \$948.60 in bulletin expenses, \$10.17 in reimbursement expenses (Jim Rastorfer), \$26.00 in membership adjustment expense and \$5.00 in bank charges. The club's checking account ending in #9241 started January 2013 with \$30,626.66 and ended with balance of \$31,609.94. Climb school checking account ending in #2802 started January 2013 with \$3071.00. Total revenue of \$1344.00. There were no expenses. Climb school ended month with balance of \$4416.00. The club's assets are valued at \$143,401.10 compared to \$139,175.84 at the same time last year.

Action: Council accepted Treasurer's report.

Reimbursements: no reimbursements were submitted for January.

Membership Report: Neil Peterson

Membership summary for 01/01/2013 through 02/01/2013. There were no new members in January. There were 29 guest requests submitted in January. Total member renewal payments in January was \$3010.00.

In summary there are 570 active members (554 adult, 6 junior, 10 life). There are 72 guest members (3 month guests) who receive complimentary bulletins, 33 complimentary members (business, agencies, libraries), and 3 exchange members (outdoor clubs).

A lot of members forget to renew membership by the end of the year. Karen Craven suggested a reminder email to former members to remind them about the deadline. Amy Dale mentioned how adept Rob Kimmich, Technology Chair, is and that he could probably make this happen next year. Amy will contact Rob.

Action: none

Format for Ascension Accounting:

Gloria Petrie brought reconciliation statements to the meeting. She showed a detailed version and slimmed down version. Detailed versions can always be asked for when needed. The detailed reports will be sent to treasurer. The brief report will be presented at Council meetings. The treasurer will have detailed reports available for questions at Council meetings. Gloria said she would be available to Council for questions by email. She said she had spent considerable time getting to know how the Chemeketan books work which is typical of any new account. Climbing assets and Club assets were separated into their own bank accounts for simplicity. Gloria requested checks and

deposit information be scanned to her by the 5th of the month by membership chairs. Gloria brought Chemeketan statement of assets and liabilities with prior year comparison. An audit was performed by Susan Watkins, club auditor. Gloria Petrie and Matt Reike assisted her as needed. Books were found to be in order.

Marcia Kenagy, Outing Treasurer (not present), asked for confirmation of the new bookkeeper's deadline for Outing reports. A month after the Outing was determined to be sufficient.

Action: Amy Dale motioned for the brief summary reports to be used for Council meetings. Franca Hernandez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Join Date Proposal: Amy Dale for Rob Kimmich

Rob Kimmich will prepare a report which will populate the member join date. This join date would be initiated when a member is voted in by Council. The database could reflect when a member joined, became inactive, or was reinstated. Bylaws state "application fee shall cover membership from date of acceptance through December 31st of that year".

Alcohol at Chemeketan Events:

Council members discussed alcohol at Chemeketan events. Alcohol consumption at events is not mentioned in the bylaws. Franca Hernandez brought up the possibility of liability issues. She said insurance advisors had not prohibited use just advised against. A mis-understanding concerning alcohol presence was made in the publication of the Annual Banquet sign up form and in a previous email sent out to members. Council had decided against alcohol at the Annual Banquet during the January Council meeting. More discussion between entire membership was deemed necessary before change to the tradition of a no alcohol Annual Banquet.

Action: A corrected sign up sheet will be made by Karen Craven. Jim Rastorfer will send an email advising of the error in the announcement of a "no host bar" at Annual Banquet.

Annual Banquet: Karen Craven

Karen has engaged Craig Romano as speaker for the banquet. Karen Craven would like to recognize club members at the banquet. Karen will ask different organizations for donations of raffle items. Purchasing forest passes as a raffle item was suggested by Amy Dale. Neil Peterson also suggested purchasing dinner for Lee Slattum as a thank you for performing "Master of Ceremony" duties at the Annual Banquet. A wall of photos was also suggested by Karen Craven. Budget and amount of pictures needed will have to be discussed at next meeting. Allan King will be contacted by Karen to see what pictures he may have available and at what cost he could produce them for the banquet. A budget was requested for table centerpieces. Karen Craven said she will have a better idea next Council meeting when she sees how many members have signed up. Cost is \$270 for the room at West Salem Roths. \$15 will cover dinner, coffee, dessert and servers. There is a maximum of 100 allowed at the Annual

Banquet.

Action: Karen Craven motioned for Council to purchase four Annual Forest passes for the banquet. Diane Clayton seconded. Council also approved purchase of Lee Slattum's banquet dinner. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Outing Report: Dave Carter (not present)

The Outing cooks (John and Linda) have approved the new site and registration can begin. The previously selected Reserve America site has been cancelled. Credits were received by George Adkins and Mike Berger. Dave Carter said more information will soon be available on the Chemeketan website.

Biking Revival

We will revisit next meeting for sake of time. Bonnie Arias will call biking chair Dori Nelson to see what activities she has planned for 2013. Need statistics of how many people show up for biking trips and what expectations are held by chair and attendees about trips. A member has suggested a revival of trips and more activity.

Action: none

Staats Lake Hikes

Neil Petersen, membership chair, received a letter from the President of the Inland Shores Homeowners Association, Steven Addams. He stated that hikes are not allowed at Staats Lake because it is a private association. Neil will email Janet Templar, hike leader, to ensure that she is aware of this.

Action: none

New Business:

Sports Authority emailed and offered a partnership. Jim Rastorfer will call Sports Authority and find out what they mean by that offer and what they would like in return.

Guest Steve Dougherty, Climb Chair, requested sitting in on Council meetings occasionally. Steve mentioned his route finding school. He requested membership person attend route finding school to aid him with collection of checks. Neil Petersen volunteered. Franca Hernandez advised Steve to use liability waiver language for his classes similar to the one cited in the activity sign-up sheet.

Action: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Next meeting: March 20th, 2013

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Chemekeden

Submitted by Bonnie Arias, Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Next Executive Council Meeting Will Be Wednesday, March 20, At 6 Pm In The Chemekeden.

CONSERVATION NOTES: Joanne DeMay, Conservation Chair

The Columbia Gorge is a popular hiking destination for Chemeketans. No doubt many of you followed the story of a casino proposal in Cascade Locks. Now Cascade Locks is negotiating with the Nestlé Corporation over a \$50 million dollar facility to bottle water from Oxbow Springs, the headwaters of Herman Creek. Approval of the project hinges on Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife agreeing to swap spring water for Cascade Locks well water to use in their fish hatchery. ODFW claims their final decision will be based on both fish health and potential ecological damage. According to two sources (the Sierra Club and Truthout), Nestlé estimates that their facility would add 200 trucks per day to Columbia Gorge traffic. A recent article in the *Hood River News* stated that the trucks would haul over 100 million gallons of water per year. That translates to 128,000,000 8-oz plastic bottles. Nestlé plans to bottle water both from Oxbow Springs and from Cascade Locks city wells.

Two meetings on this issue have been cancelled, so there has been no opportunity for public comment. If you are alarmed by the prospect of a company like Nestlé owning and profiting from Oregon's water or by the image of 200 more trucks in the Columbia Gorge on a daily basis, or simply by the proliferation of disposable plastic bottles, here is one way to let ODFW know:

Call 866-942-5138 and you will hear a short message from Julie McGraw, the northwest organizer of Food and Water Watch. Then you will be connected to the ODFW main desk to share your own thoughts.

For more information on this project:

www.foodandwaterwatch.org or www.bark-out.org (a Mt. Hood organization).

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, will be placed 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.

CHEMEKETAN STORE MERCHANDISE:

A variety of Chemeketan merchandise is available from the Chemeketan Store. Contact Roz Shirack at rozshirack@msn.com to order and for details.

Inventory includes:

- Thunderbird embroidered patch, 3" \$2
- Thunderbird pin, 3/4" \$1
- Cap, 75th anniversary, white \$3
- Short sleeve t-shirt, light blue with Thunderbird on front, child sizes 10-16 \$5
- T-shirts from prior outings, sizes M, L \$5-7
- Chemeketan red and blue plaid wool fabric \$5/yd
- Mt. Adams 2001 embroidered patch, 4" \$2
- Thunderbird red and blue decal, 3" 25 cents

See the back page for a picture of the embroidered patch!

CHEMEKETANS ONLINE:

The Chemeketan Bulletin is available to everybody, including the general public, on the Chemeketan website at www.chemeketans.org. There is also a Chemeketan Facebook page. You can post photos, videos and comments about trail conditions. Keep in mind that if the information is intended for all members, it should go into the bulletin or be distributed as a mass email to membership.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION:

Activity leaders, thank you for submitting your online Where and When and We Were There reports and photos **by the first of the month that precedes the month you want the item published!**

DISCOUNT VENDORS

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

Salem Summit Co., 246 State St., Salem, 503-378-0300 – 10% discount.

Oregon Mountain Community, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, 503-227-1038 – 10% discount.

The Mountain Shop, 1510 NE 37th (37th and Broadway), Portland, 503-288-6768 – Members 10%, climb leaders 15%, class participants in session 15%, 30% on rentals. No discounts on service work or sale items.

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, 8283 11th St. Terrebonne, 800-923-6207 – 10% discount.

WHERE AND WHEN

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

Monday, April 1, HILLY SALEM Hike

J. ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785

We will meet at the base of the soap box derby track for a hilly morning April Fools Day walk in the Fairmount Hills area. We may stop for coffee if it's cold and wet. Preregister to get the time at jseibert@willamette.edu or by phone. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 0 miles, Hike dist 4 miles, Elev. 300 feet.

Monday, April 1, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

Don't sequester yourself. Join us for sparkling wit and remarkable intellect, add a little exercise by walking six miles roundtrip from South Salem. Fast pace.

Wednesday, April 3, AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT 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 an invasive plant removal program at the Audubon Nature Reserve, located in West Salem on Eola Drive behind Safeway on Edgewater. We work every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00, using shears, rakes, shovels, saws, and other implements to take out these plants. No dragging or stacking is involved. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our third year, we have made very noticeable progress with our collaborative effort.

Wednesday, April 3, SANTIAM PASS AREA X-Ski

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385

Whether this is a ski or snowshoe will depend on snow conditions. Hopefully we'll have some great spring snow and it will be an intermediate level ski trip of about six miles in the Santiam Pass area. Pre-register with leader by phone or at mliepins@willamette.edu Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, Ski dist 6 miles.

Thursday, April 4, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM

Into our fifth year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the City of Salem's newest Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$5.00 if you are 50 or better; \$6.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking.

Saturday, April 6, 8:30 a.m., MACDONALD FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160

The usual. Come and enjoy. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 45 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m., SADDLE MOUNTAIN Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775

This trail is steep in places, but it's not very long. I'm hoping we can enjoy lunch on the summit without the wind blowing our hats off. With luck, we will see some early flowers. If anyone is interested, we can hike the 1.6 mile Four-County Points Trail on

the way back. Call or email joannedemay08@gmail.com. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 5.2 miles, Elev. 1620 feet.

Sunday, April 7, PORTLAND URBAN Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612

We will attend Sakura Sunday on the waterfront in Portland. To avoid congestion we will park several miles away and sightsee on the way. If this date appears to be past peak for the cherry blossoms I will try to also do an earlier trip without the festival. Limited to maximum of 2 cars and 10 people. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles.

Monday, April 8, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

See April 1 write-up for details.

Tuesday, April 9, STAHLMAN POINT Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: SUE MACDONALD

Hopefully the road will be clear to the trailhead. If not, another hike will be substituted. A nice hike with a great view of Jefferson if the day is clear! Wear boots as there may be some snow and mud. Prepare for the weather and bring lunch. Possibly we can also go to Piety Island for another view of Jefferson. Call or email before 5 p.m. Monday to register. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 80 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 1300 feet.

Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

See April 3 write-up for details.

Wednesday, April 10, SANTIAM AREA Snowshoe

PRE-REG W/LDR: RALPH NAFZIGER 541-926-4245

Since this trip is scheduled late in the winter season, we will determine if the snow is of sufficient quality for a good snowshoe. If so, we probably will snowshoe a Maxwell loop or Big Springs. If not, we will substitute a hike somewhere. Note the change in date from that in the prospectus. Leader's e-mail: nafziger@peak.org

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 156 miles, Snowshoe dist 5 miles.

Wednesday, April 10, TUALATIN HILLS NATURE PARK Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294

Located in Beaverton and close to Hillsboro, this 4.5 mile trail used to be part of a preserve that belonged to a private school. It is a 222 acre park nestled among trees that drown out traffic noise and the hustle and bustle of the highways surrounding it. Ponds, wetlands, boardwalks make up much of the park and the variety of habitats lure many birds and animals to the area. Our first stop, the interpretive center, is amazing as well. According to the Tualatin Riverkeepers: "Any season is a great time to visit." So don your boots, weather indicated clothing, hat and bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Binoculars would help for spotting nature at a distance. We'll stop on the way

home for a warm treat. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 80 miles, Hike dist 4.5 miles, Elev. 100 feet.

**Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m. 2ND THURSDAY PIZZA NIGHT
JEAN GABRIEL**

Come and enjoy a night out with fellow Chemeketans. We're getting together at Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne NE. Hope to see you there.

**Thursday, April 11, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM**

See April 4 write-up for details.

**Thursday, April 11, 8:00 a.m., HAMILTON MOUNTAIN Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929**

This is a favorite spring hike. We get wildflowers, waterfalls, and stunning views of the Gorge. A good workout, but not extreme.

Leader was last on this trail three years ago. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 7.6 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

**Friday, April 12, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT
MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385**

Peru (rescheduled after an unavoidable conflict in January) – During September 2011, Neil Peterson spent 3 ½ weeks in Peru on a tour and trek led by fellow Chemeketan Ellen Gradison.

The trip began in Cusco with its many nearby Inca ruins. It continued through the Sacred Valley (a route to Machu Picchu) and towns such as Urabamba, Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes; the Maras saltmines; an Incan experimental crop lab and other sites that evidence Peru's Incan past. The group also went on an 8-day high-altitude trek on Mt. Ausangate (source of the Urabamba River which winds almost completely around Machu Picchu.) It was a fascinating trip so we can look forward to a great evening of pictures and stories.

**Saturday, April 13, INDIAN POINT Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL**

We'll access this trail near Herman Creek and make an interesting loop of the hike. There may be lingering snow on the trail. The point is a narrow, rocky spine with great views of the Columbia Gorge on a clear day. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 2600 feet.

**Saturday, April 13, FMN, 9:30 a.m., WILLAMETTE MISSION
STATE PARK Hike
PAT SIMILA 503-581-5369**

We will walk a loop trail starting at the picnic area, passing the nation's largest black cottonwood tree (more than 250 years old), then the site of the Lee Mission and then to view the Wheatland Ferry. We can ride the Ferry if the group wishes. Also, the hiking distance can be extended. Bring a lunch. There could be muddy spots on the trail. Meet at Fred Meyer North on the west side of the parking lot near Les Schwab Tire business. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 16 miles, Hike dist 3 miles.

**Monday, April 15, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE
BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

See April 1 write-up for details.

**Monday, April 15, SAF, ALSEA FALLS DAWDLER Hike
PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

In Benton County west of Monroe lies this BLM recreation area. We'll hike along the river, view some small falls, cross over to

the far side to see the main falls. Water should be running full this time of year and the flowers should be greeting us. For additional interest, some may wish to go to Green Peak Falls. This would add some elevation gain. Bring lunch, wear boots. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 130 miles, Hike dist 2 miles, Elev. 250 feet.

**Tuesday, April 16, 9:00 a.m., SILVER CREEK FALLS Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: DIANE CLAYTON 503-585-9548**

Hike along part of the Trail of Ten Falls in Silver Falls State Park. Be prepared for muddy trails and lots of water. We will start at South Falls, take the 5.5 mile loop to Winter Falls and return to South Falls for lunch in the lodge. Wear boots and bring the 10 essentials. Pre-register with leader before Monday April 15. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Wednesday, April 17, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON RESERVE
INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See April 3 write-up for details.

**Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., DOWNTOWN PARKS OF
SALEM Hike**

PRE-REG W/LDR: JANET RAFALOVICH 503-371-1039

This is an evening walk through the downtown parks and Willamette University. We'll start at Wallace Marine Park, walk the pedestrian bridge over the Willamette River, through Riverfront Park, Bush and Pringle Parks and circle back through Willamette University. Please call the hike leader to sign up. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Hike dist 7 miles.

**Thursday, April 18, BELLS MOUNTAIN Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

Now that we know where the trailhead is, join me as we go back to the mountain to see the views we missed the first time due to the weather. Supposedly, there are views of Moulton Falls, Lewis River, Mount St Helens, Silver Star Mountain and Larch Mountain (Washington). We shall see? Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 172 miles, Hike dist 6.5 miles, Elev. 1140 feet.

**Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., BUSH PARK/DEEPWOOD
Hike**

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615

We will walk through Bush Park and Deepwood and view wildflowers. Meet at the bottom of the soapbox derby track in Bush Park. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 1 miles, Hike dist 4 miles, Elev. 0 feet.

**Thursday, April 18, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM**

See April 4 write-up for details.

**Saturday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. CHEMEKETAN ANNUAL
BANQUET**

KAREN CRAVEN 503-508-1204 jcraven7304@msn.com

The banquet location at the Roths in West Salem has a limit of 100 guests in their banquet room. Contact Karen for further information and seating availability. *See the back page of this bulletin for banquet details and a registration form.*

Saturday-Sunday, April 20-April 21, 2013 CLIMB SCHOOL Field Sessions

AMANDA BLANKENSHIP 541-981-1162

The 2013 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 10 and 17 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 20-21. 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, 2013. 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 45. Please register on line at http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp where further information is available. You may also contact Amanda Blankenship at una20_1999@yahoo.com.
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD.

Saturday, April 20, SOAP CREEK LOOP, DUNN FOREST Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: DORIS DELESPINASSE 541-753-4775

If we're lucky, we'll get excellent Cascade views and some early wildflowers on this hike in an OSU research forest north of Corvallis. Most of the hike is forested, on gravel roads closed to traffic. Probably no mud! Usually no other hikers. Some fairly steep ups and downs. Contact leader by phone or at ddeles@proaxis.com. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 7.0 miles, Elev. 1150 feet.

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m., CASCADE HEAD Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: BOB CUSTER 541-745-3994

A forest trail leading to a great view of the ocean and the Salmon River Estuary. The trail will likely be muddy and slippery. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 6.8 miles, Elev. 1290 feet.

Sunday, April 21, SKM, 8:00 a.m., MOSIER TWIN TUNNELS Hike

MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767

The Mosier Twin Tunnels are in the Columbia River Gorge area. They were used for auto traffic on the old Hwy 30. That was before I-84 ran through the area. The tunnels are in the heart of the Gorge and the route offers great views of the Columbia and surrounding area. Pace is easy and the only worry is to watch for the bikes which like to use the old road too. We will start on the east end and hike through the tunnels to the lookout point and then return. Let's hope for a sunny warm day. Slow pace.
RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 150 miles, Hike dist 5.4

miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Monday, April 22, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

See April 1 write-up for details.

Wednesday, April 24, BEAZELL MEMORIAL FOREST Hike PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294

This 546 acre parcel of land near Corvallis has a wonderful story wrapped around it. Come to hear the history behind what some consider to be "the jewel of the Benson County Park System." Four loop trails make up the five mile hike--a bird watching trail, a picnic trail complete with an education kiosk, a beautiful riparian area, and Plunkette Creek Loop decorated with trillium lilies and a four season line-up of plants and trees. If rains are recent, the trail may be very wet and the vegetation is close to the edges. Bring boots, lunch, rain pants and hiking sticks for the steep spots and plenty of water. Cameras are welcome! We'll be looking for birds and wildflowers, too. Slow pace.
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

See April 3 write-up for details.

Wednesday, April 24, EAGLE CREEK TO HIGH BRIDGE Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: DON GALLAGHER

Following is the description of this hike from the Portland Hikers Field Guide: "This hike is one of the most popular and magnificent trails in the Columbia River Gorge, and for good reason. You will literally lose count as you pass dozens of spectacular waterfalls through the lush temperate rain forests and tall basalt cliffs. You'll traverse passageways blasted out of the bedrock with dynamite, footbridges over bubbling streams, talus slopes, and unique geologic formations along your journey -- and that's just in the first 2 miles!" While the leader is planning to hike 6.6 miles RT and 600 ft. elevation there is a potential option for 12 miles, 1200 ft elevation to Tunnel Falls if a co-leader signs on for that distance. Pre-register with leader at dongall39@comcast.net. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Hike dist 6.6 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Thursday, April 25, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM

See April 4 write-up for details.

Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m., SILVER CREEK FALLS Hike PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929

It's too early for high-elevation hikes. The waterfall loop is one of the most spectacular hikes in Oregon, and there should be a lot of water coming over the falls to make them even more impressive. Some wildflowers too. I would like to start with the small side trip to the Upper North Falls; we hardly ever see that! We can have lunch at the lodge, which will be especially welcome if it's a rainy day. Moderate pace.
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 70 miles, Hike dist 7.5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m., ALDER CREEK PADDLEFEST PRE-REG W/LDR: laurelynschellin@hotmail.com

Alder Creek Canoe-Kayak of Portland is hosting a free paddle

festival. Over 100 canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (the newest sport) will be available to test paddle. In addition, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be free instruction on the water and continuous demonstrations and clinics on boat entry and exit, launching and landing, foot pedal adjustment, effective paddle strokes, choosing the correct paddle, safety skills with rescue and re-entry demos, boat packing for camping trips, how to car-top your boat, boat repair tips, paddling with kids, ideas for fun places to paddle, and more. If you are a beginner, this is your chance to learn to canoe, kayak or paddleboard. If you are an experienced paddler, come and improve your skills. During the rest of the year there is a cost for these excellent instructional sessions. Discounts on paddle equipment are also available. Beginners are welcome, no previous experience is required. Come dressed to paddle and bring a lunch. All equipment will be provided free. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Salem Center St. Safeway parking lot, west side, to carpool. Portland area paddlers can meet us at Vancouver Lake Park. Take I-5 north to the Mill Plain West exit, which turns into River Road going into the park. There is a \$3/vehicle park entry fee. Watch for Alder Creek Paddlefest signs. Afterwards, we will stop for dinner at the Hawaiian Island Cafe, an informal floating eatery on the Columbia River with a view of Mt. Hood. Driving dist RT 120 miles.

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST-DIMPLE HILL FROM LEWISBURG SADDLE Hike

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE FITZGERALD 541-207-7022

Enjoy a walk through McDonald Forest with some views and wildflowers. Logging roads and the possibility of muddy trails. Call to pre-register. Will meet in Salem and carpool to Lewisburg Saddle north of Corvallis. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 70 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

2013 BACKPACK SCHEDULE:

See the March bulletin for planned dates, a detailed description, and contact information for all 2013 backpacks.

Wednesday, May 1, SMITH ROCK (AND MORE?) Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: DON GALLAGHER

This central Oregon hike takes us on a loop along the Crooked River where we may see a variety of birds, including golden eagles nesting in nooks in the sheer cliff walls. We will hike up Misery Ridge for a panorama view of the Crooked River Gorge and Cascade peaks from Mt. Hood to the Three Sisters and then loop back and down to our starting point. Depending on weather, and group hiking stamina, we may also hike further upriver in search of eagles and wildflowers. Register with leader at dongall39@comcast.net. If there is a group interested, the leader will consider staying a day or two longer for additional hikes in the area. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 280 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

Thursday, May 23, DEN, 7:00 p.m., BACKPACK CLASS
RICK COOPER 503-362-9719

Everyone is welcome to join us for the annual backpack class. We'll discuss conditioning, preparation, food, packing, gear choices. You can see the types of gear different people choose to use. The class will last about two hours, but there will be time to ask questions and get excited about the backpacks

Sunday, April 28, HAMILTON MOUNTAIN Hike
PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605

One of my favorite spring Gorge hikes, Hamilton give us a wide variety of thrills, from forest to falls to flowers with lots of views of the Columbia mixed in. Call or email at mcolemanj@gmail.com with questions. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

Monday, April 29, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

See April 1 write-up for details.

Monday, April 29, DETROIT LAKE LOW-WATER Paddle
PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765

Have a "different" experience on Detroit Lake before it is flooded for spring and summer recreation. We don't know exactly what the water level will be. MUST HAVE previous experience with kayak or canoe. A life jacket with whistle attached and an AIS permit for your craft are both required. SLOW PACE. Driving dist RT 100 miles.

Tue-Tue, April 30-May 7, 6:00 a.m., SAN JACINTO WILDERNESS Backpack

TOM EATON 541-499-1584

Spring backpack on the PCT through the San Jacinto Mountains of southern California. We'll meet at a remote cabin near the PCT and shuttle to the trailhead. The trail should be good; snow might be a factor above 7000'. If so we will adjust the route. If conditions permit we may summit Mt. San Jacinto and/or visit the village of Idyllwild. Expect to see lots of sun, wildflowers and thru-hikers! Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 2000 miles, Hike dist 54 miles, Elev. 4900 feet.

Future Events

scheduled for this season. No need to pre-register. If you have questions, email: cooperm50@gmail.com.

Sunday-Saturday, May 26-June 1, CANYON DE CHELLY (NORTHEAST AZ)

PRE-REG W/LDR: HARDIN KING 503-845-9340

Base camp with daily 6-10 mile daypack hiking (some exposure) in beautiful Canyon De Chelly, see cliff dwellings of Anasazi, native rock art, become acquainted with four generations of a Navajo family and share potluck and possibly sweat with them, be surrounded by quiet beauty of dark patina-covered red rock canyon walls, turquoise blue sky with white clouds, green riparian areas, see dramatic scattered high desert flora, and sleep with canyon walls providing crystal clear views of starry night skies. Call or email interest. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Hike dist 35 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

Thursday-Monday, May 30-June 3, WENAHA RIVER Backpack
PRE-REG W/LDR: BOB CUSTER 541-745-3994

The Wenaha River Trail is located in northeastern Oregon, an 8-hour drive from Salem. The trail is downhill for 27 miles along the Wenaha River through a canyon with beautiful scenery. We will drive to Troy, do a 22-mile car shuttle and camp at the trailhead. We will hike for three days and drive home on day five. Stream crossings, some poison ivy and rattlesnakes. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 848 miles, Hike dist 27 miles, Elev. -1200 feet.

We Were There

Sauvie Island Raptor Tour, February 9

Since there were only three of us on this overcast day, no one got lost and needed to be rescued from the island. After turning off the bridge entrance to the island, the double-crested cormorants seemed to be greeting us from the pilings in the Multnomah Channel. They appeared to be self-appointed sentinels guarding the road to the check-in spot. From there we visited the four stations set up by the Portland Audubon volunteers. Gary Jones, Bill Caldwell, and Mary Narey, leader, expressed delight at viewing bald eagles, hearing sandhill cranes calls in flight, and watching large groups of snow geese landing on the water at the viewing station. Other large birds putting in an appearance were great blue heron and several great egrets flying over the wetland. The other truth that was evidenced was the need for equipment to see at a greater distance than just binoculars and experience in using it. One event of the day that we didn't get to participate in was the release of a redtail hawk from confinement due to an injury. Maybe next year.....

Silver Falls Hike, February 9

We had a good-sized group to see the falls in their winter-sized glory. We weren't disappointed. The water flow was quite high. We had no rain and no ice on the trail. It was a very good day. We enjoyed seeing "Ephemeral Falls", which is between Lower North and Lower South Falls during the winter. The only disappointment was that the trail under South Falls is still closed due to trail erosion. The volunteers at the lodge said it would hopefully be fixed by this summer. The fire was going at the lodge for lunch and the snack bar was busy. The rim trail is also being worked on but we were able to walk through the debris since they were not working on a Saturday. A few of us made the short side trip to see Winter Falls. Enjoying the day were Wayne Wallace, Ralph Nafziger, Teresa Erickson, Gwen Grams, Barbara Fuller, Ellen Finley, Patsy Smith, Ken Ash, Carolyn Rondthaler, Randy Slaughter, Linda Willnow, Marcia Kenagy, Mary Coleman, and leader Jim Rastorfer.

Willamette Mission State Park Historical Hike, February 12

Interesting overcast skies. It was probably raining somewhere else, but not here. I presented information about the history of the local area town of Wheatland, shipping on the river, the ferry, and the people involved. We walked the trail from the ferry landing and the Mission Trail to see the "skeletons" of the Jason Lee Mission. Following along Mission Lake and passing by the huge camping and picnic area, we heard many birds of many varieties and saw a few. We viewed the black cottonwood tree from the boat dock then went over to see how Mr. and Mrs. Osprey are doing now that their platform has been leveled again. Lunch was near the main parking lot, then we took a very muddy horse trail south to meet the river trail before heading back to the ferry landing. Paula Hyatt, leader, Robert Roner, Janet Templar and Beth Negrey rode the Daniel Matheny V across the river and back. Nice day of hiking for them and Rosemary Laramore, Melissa Irving, Betty Pierce and Patsy Smith.

McNary and Willow Lake Ponds, February 17

Nine of us met for a Sunday morning walk. Our route and destination changed slightly from what was printed in the bulletin but no one seemed to mind. We left the parking lot at McNary golf course and ended up at the far west side of Willow

Lake ponds. Along the way we encountered some unusual plants and were lucky enough to have someone along who could identify them. The weather gods smiled on us and we all appreciated experiencing something that has a rural feel to it so close to an urban area. Enjoying the day and the company were guests: Bryan Thoet, Judy Thoet, Merle Alberts and David Smedema. members: Marcia Hoak, Mary Jo Lundsten, Paula Hyatt and Barbara James and leader, Janet Templar

Mt. Tabor walk, February 24

Sunshine in February! Our Portland urban walk took us through Mt. Tabor Park, which sits atop a volcanic cone, and past homes, old and new, in neighborhoods surrounding the park. This area was once orchards and farms that supplied a quarter of a million California gold seekers. Midge Pierce, the owner of a beautiful historic home near the park, helped guide us and even invited us to her home for coffee at the end of the day! The leader had met Midge while scouting this walk several weeks ago. We lunched at yummy Tabor Bakery. Enjoying the day were guests Julie Dow and Lorraine Milan, and members Rosanna Wilson, Marcia Hoak, Barbara James, Mary Coleman, Janet Templar, and Elizabeth Seibert, leader.

Potato Hill Snowshoe, February 27

Five snowshoers began the uphill trek to Potato Hill following a recent ski track. At the second trail junction, we lost the track and plowed through the powdery snow to the saddle where a low ceiling precluded views of the High Cascades. On the Hash Brown Loop, we chased the elusive blue diamonds through the soft snow. After six hours of hard work, we returned to the trailhead. Enjoying this tough trek were guest Teresa Ozias, members Bonnie Arias, Tina Nadeau, Kerry Timberlake, and leader Ralph Nafziger.

Forest Park, March 3

Four of us went hiking in Portland's Forest Park on a very pleasant Sunday. Bright sunshine to start, then some clouds, just a bit of rain and then mostly sunny again. All within about five hours. We started at the Thurman Street entrance to the park and then wound our way up to the Wildwood Trail. From there we headed south to where the trail goes over Cornell. There we stopped for lunch and a look around the Audubon Wild Care Center. We saw Ruby, a turkey vulture (she is here as she is domesticated and can't survive in the wild) along with some other birds including an owl and a raven. A guide was there with a hawk and explained that the hawk was the fastest animal alive. It could fly over 200 miles per hour when chasing prey. We then went back part way on the Wildwood Trail to the Aspen Street cut-off and once on Aspen headed North enjoying the fine older homes and GREAT views. A great group on a GREAT day. Leader, Matt Rieke.

Mt Pisgah, March 3

On a clear day we traversed Mt. Pisgah from north to south taking some of the beaten path trails. We had amazing vistas from numerous spots on the ridge. On our way back to the north trailhead we hiked through the arboretum (we missed the octopus tree) and had lunch in the shelter there. Our intrepid group included Obsidian guest Sandra Kwak and members Marsha Kenagy, Margaret Saxe, and John Huff, leader.

CHEMEKETAN ANNUAL BANQUET

When: Saturday, April 20, 2013, 6:00 pm
Where: Roth's Hospitality Center
1130 Wallace Rd. NW
What: Buffet banquet, awards, presentation & slideshow
Opportunity to share your love of the outdoors with fellow enthusiasts
Dinner entrée options: Parmesan/Panko Crusted Chicken Breast
Wild Mushroom Manicotti (vegetarian)
Rosemary Plank Roasted Salmon

Dinners come with garden tossed salad, baked potato or rice pilaf, vegetables, and cake, choice of carrot or chocolate with raspberry filling.

Cost: \$15.00/person

Guest Speaker: Craig Romano is the ideal speaker for the Chemeketans. He is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker, and cyclist and is the author of numerous trail books. His particular expertise is day hikes in the North Cascades, Central Cascades, Olympic Peninsula, and Backpacking Washington. Craig will share a slide show and presentation that will whet everyone's appetite for our annual outing in Packwood, Washington this August. Craig holds the following degrees; an AA in Forestry from White Mountains Community College (NH); and a BA in history and Masters in Education from the University of Washington. He lives with his wife Heather and cats Giuseppe and Scruffy Gray in Skagit County close to the North Cascades and the San Juan Islands.

Registration Form

Name _____ email _____ Entrée choice: (Circle one)
Chicken Manicotti Salmon

Name _____ email _____ Entrée choice: (Circle one)
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Cost = \$15/person. Please make check payable to "The Chemeketans" Please mail registration and check to: Karen Craven, 735 Glen Creek Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304

