

# Chemeketan

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Photo: Dave Foulger

Three Finger Jack, viewed from the summit of Potato Hill on a February snowshoe trip.

**SAFETY PROCEDURES: ACCIDENT AND PROBLEM AVOIDANCE  
ON CHEMEKETAN TRIPS. JOIN THE DISCUSSION!**

**7PM, APRIL 16, AND 9AM, APRIL 19, AT THE DEN**

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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 [chemeketans.org](http://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.

## Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate foot gear and clothing (no bluejeans), 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 busstop  
**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.

## Coordinators for:

**April Hiking:** Roz Shirack, 503-399-8615

[rozshirack@msn.com](mailto:rozshirack@msn.com)

**Midweek Hikes:** Don Gallagher, 503-371-7689

[dongall39@comcast.net](mailto:dongall39@comcast.net),

**Dawdler Hikes:** Carol Soderberg, 503-363-8435

[carol.soderberg@gmail.com](mailto:carol.soderberg@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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". You may mail 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.

**New and Renewing Member Dues :** Adults \$20 and Juniors (under age 18) \$3. The membership year starts January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Bulletin Editors

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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 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](http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf).

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

# April 2014 Calendar

Day	Date	Location and Activity	Leader
Tue	Apr 01	Minto Brown Trail Run	Justin Clark
Wed	Apr 02	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	Apr 02	Waterfowl Viewing - Albany	Wayne Wallace
Wed	Apr 02	Chemeketan Climb School Classroom Session #1	Theresa Conley
Wed	Apr 02	Eagle Creek Hike	Ken Ash
Thu	Apr 03	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	Apr 05	Eagle Creek Hike	Janet Rafalovich
Sat	Apr 05	Minto-Brown Park Hike	Laura Devries
Sun	Apr 06	McDowell Creek Falls Hike	Matt Rieke
Sun	Apr 06	Cascade Head Hike	Mary Liepins
Mon	Apr 07	Capitol & Creeks Evening Walk Around Salem Hike	Sylvia Dawson & David Jackson
Mon	Apr 07	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	Apr 08	Minto Brown Trail Run	Justin Clark
Wed	Apr 09	Climb School Classroom Session #2	Theresa Conley
Wed	Apr 09	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 10	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 10	Cascadia Cave and Soda Creek Falls Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Thu	Apr 10	Second Thursday Pizza Night	Jean Gabriel
Fri	Apr 11	Picture Night	Mary Liepins
Fri	Apr 11	Intermediate Rock Pro/Anchor Skills at Horsethief Butte Climb	Mike Rudy
Fri	Apr 11	Hamilton Mountain Hike	George Struble
Sat	Apr 12	Minto-Brown Park Hike	Laura Devries
Sat	Apr 12	Leach Botanical Garden & Vicinity Hike	Elizabeth Seibert
Sat-Sun	Apr 12-13	Chemeketan Climb School Field Sessions	Theresa Conley
Sun	Apr 13	Cascade Head Hike	George Struble
Sun	Apr 13	Silver Falls State Park Hike	Blanka Truneckova
Mon	Apr 14	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	Apr 15	Bush Park/Deepwood Estate Hike	John Savage
Wed	Apr 16	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	Apr 16	Chemeketan Trip Safety Discussion	Betsy Belshaw
Wed	Apr 16	Columbia Gorge Trail and Waterfalls Hike	Roz Shirack
Wed	Apr 16	Croisan Creek Trail Hike	Wayne Wallace
Wed	Apr 16	Minto Brown Trail Run	Justin Clark
Thu	Apr 17	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	Apr 19	Minto-Brown Park Hike	Laura Devries
Sat	Apr 19	McDonald Forest Mountain Bike Ride	Justin Clark
Sat	Apr 19	Catherine Creek/Coyote Wall Hike	John Savage
Sat	Apr 19	Marys Peak Mountain Fitness Hike	Steve Dougherty
Sat	Apr 19	Chemeketan Trip Safety Discussion	Betsy Belshaw
Sat	Apr 19	Indian Point Hike	Lee Slattum
Sun	Apr 20	Bald Butte Hike	Betsy Belshaw
Sun	Apr 20	Easter Capitol Gardens Dawdler Hike	Carol Soderberg
Mon	Apr 21	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	Apr 23	Sweet Creek Falls Hike	Betsy Belshaw
Wed	Apr 23	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Thu	Apr 24	Willamette Mission State Park Hike	Pat Simila
Thu	Apr 24	Center 50+ Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri	Apr 25	Captain Cook Chasm & Devil's Churn - Cape Perpetua Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Sat	Apr 26	Minto-Brown Park Hike	Laura Devries
Sat	Apr 26	Vancouver Lake Paddlefest & BBQ Paddle	Laurelyn Schellin
Sat-Sun	Apr 26-27	Intro to Smith Rock Climb	Mike Rudy
Sat	Apr 26	Dog Mountain Hike	Bill Wylie
Sat	Apr 26	Angels Rest & Latourell Falls Hike	Jean Gabriel
Sun	Apr 27	Butteville to Champoeg Hike	Elizabeth Seibert
Sun	Apr 27	Tom McCall Preserve Hike	Mary Coleman
Mon	Apr 28	Amtrak Outing Adventure Trip Planning	Karen Huntzinger
Mon	Apr 28	Salem Audubon Nature Reserve Hike	Lee Slattum
Mon	Apr 28	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	Apr 30	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	Apr 30	Downtown Parks of Salem Hike	Janet Rafalovich
Wed	Apr 30	Stahlman Point Hike	Mary Liepins

## Future Events

Sat	May 3	Intermediate Snow Skills* Climb	Mike Niemeyer
Sat-Sun	May 10-11	Intro to Sport Climbing at Smith Rock	Scott Phillips
Fri-Sun	May 16-18	West Pueblo Ridge, U* Climb	Keith Garlinghouse
Sat	May 17	Silver Falls Work Party	Mike Niemeyer
Thur	May 22	Beginner's Backpack Class	Rick Cooper
Sat-Sun	May 24-25	Mt. Hood, South Side S1 Climb	Steve Dougherty
Sun	June 1	MT. Hood, Ski Descent, S1 Climb	Keith Garlinghouse
Sat-Sun	June 7-8	North Twin Sister, West Ridge, M1* Climb	Bill Saur
Fri-Sun	June 13-15	Champoeg Kayak/Canoe Campout & Paddle	Jan Thompson
Fri-Sun	June 13-15	Trout Creek Mountains, Southeast Oregon Backpack	Bill Sullivan
Fr-Sun	June 20-22	Beginner's Backpack, Twin Lakes, Bull of the Woods Wilderness	Rick Cooper
Sun-Sat	Aug 20-24	Canyon De Chelly	Hardin King

## 2014 Chemeketan Executive Council

President .....	Steve Dougherty	503-566-8899	<a href="mailto:Steve2756@gmail.com">Steve2756@gmail.com</a>	3 year term	thru 2016
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Treasurer .....	Amy Dale	503-999-4069	<a href="mailto:adale5333@yahoo.com">adale5333@yahoo.com</a>	1 year term	thru 2014
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Councilor .....	Diane Clayton	503-585-9548	<a href="mailto:dianeclayton2@gmail.com">dianeclayton2@gmail.com</a>	1 year term	thru 2014
Councilor, Media Chair.....	Mike Pennington	513-284-7566	<a href="mailto:mchuckp@gmail.com">mchuckp@gmail.com</a>	1 year term	thru 2016

## Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Chemekeden at 360 ½ State Street, Salem

*Members are welcome to observe*

### Attendees:

Present: Steve Dougherty, Amy Dale, Karen Craven, Diane Clayton, Bonnie Arias, Mike Pennington, Michael Gurley and Mary Liepins.

Absent: Sherill Breen

Guest: Joanne DeMay

Recording Secretary

Bonnie Arias

### #1 Policy removal- Diane Clayton.

This agenda item was moved to the discussion area of the minutes because no action was taken.

### #2 Whitewater Hydro Project- Joanne DeMay-guest.

Joanne DeMay, conservation chair, discussed a meeting she attended concerning a hydro project which could occur five miles from the Chemeketan cabin. A David Harmon has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a permit to build a hydro project on Russell Creek. The application was accepted. Studies for this project are in the preliminary stages and Joanne will keep council informed as new developments occur. Joanne wrote an article in the Chemeketan bulletin which reflected her opinion of the project.

**Action:** none

### #3 Approve Executive Council Minutes

#### a. January 18, 2014 Minutes:

**Action:** Amy Dale moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

#### b. January 9, 2014 Minutes:

**Action:** Karen Craven moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

### #4 Treasurer's Report for January 2014 – Amy Dale

January reports provided by Ascension Accounting

- a. Transaction Detail Report with ending balances ending January 31, 2014
- b. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements monthly comparison to previous year
- c. Statement of Assets & Liabilities monthly comparison to previous year

1. Club Assets total \$165,515 (includes Climbing and Outing accounts)

2. \$47,793 Cash (main account balance at 1/31 \$25,136)

113,091 Investments

1101 Prepaid Postage

5529 Fixed assets less depreciation (cabin, equipment, climbing gear)

**\$165,515 Total Assets**

3. The club generally has no liabilities. Currently there is a \$32 payroll liability.

4. Revenues for the month of January total \$3822

\$1966	Club Membership
1836	Climb School
16	General Store
4	Interest
<b>\$3822</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>

5. Expenses for the month of January total \$2185

\$290	Printing and Mailing (includes bulletin)
135	Professional Services (includes bookkeeping)
52	Supplies
64	Chemekeden (rent, utilities, maintenance)
0	Classes Offered (materials, supplies, snacks, etc.)
1644	Other (14 months storage unit, \$20 refund)
<b>\$2185</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

**Action:** Bonnie Arias moved to accept Treasurer's report. January report was accepted by council.

**#5 Reimbursements: Amy Dale**

There were three reimbursements requested: \$24.99 to Bonnie Arias for overnight postal charge (insurance documents); \$9.80 postage to Amy Dale; \$22.45 fax expense (insurance documents) to Amy Dale; \$19.99 to Mary Liepins for purchase of dry erase board for Chemekeden conference room.

**Action:** Karen Craven moved to approve reimbursements. Motion passed.

**#6 Membership Report- January 2014-Mary Liepins.**

As of January 31, 2014 there were **556** active, paying members including **nine** life members and **four** junior members (total membership has increased to 589 as of 2/15/14). There were **83** renewals in January.

During the month we received and processed **32** guest requests for complimentary electronic bulletins. The total number of guests receiving a three-month complimentary email notification of electronic bulletin availability is **75**. In addition, there are 33 businesses, agencies and libraries as well as three other outdoor clubs who receive a printed bulletin at no charge.

**Five** new adult member applications were submitted:

1. Marjean Austin
2. Michael DeLaune
3. Susan Delaune
4. Newell Enos
5. Gavin Sublett

Payments received for renewals and new memberships totaled **\$1,766.00**.

**Action:** Amy Dale moved to approve the new members. Motion passed.

A comparison analysis was prepared to show Chemeketan membership numbers from previous years. See attached report.

**# 7 Insurance Binder- Amy Dale**

Amy Dale reported that the quote from the competing

insurance company did not come in before a renewal was needed. When a complete quote is available a special meeting will be arranged to compare our current options with new plans. Chemeketans kept their current insurance policy. Annual policy cost is \$4858.91. Council discussed liability of a no host bar at the annual meeting, liability release form, personal liability of council members and possible protection as a non-profit.

**Action:** none

**#8 Annual Banquet –Karen Craven**

**Action:** Amy Dale moved to approve up to \$300.00 to cover annual banquet expenses such as room rental costs and travel expenses for the presenter. Motion passed.

**#9 Media Brainstorm Results and Accomplishments-Mike Pennington**

Moved to next meeting agenda.

**# 10 Facebook Update- Mike Gurley**

Michael Gurley is in the process of setting himself up as administrator. Due to the lateness of the hour this agenda item was moved to the March council meeting.

**#11. Picture Night Experiment -Mike Pennington**

Mike Pennington, media chair, researched upgrading the Chemeketan projector and/or screen. Current model is a 2004. He studied current specifications and made recommendations for council. Mike is also experimenting with a larger venue and advertising for the Chemeketan picture night. See attached report.

**Action:** Karen Craven moved to purchase a new projector for picture night and other Chemeketan activities for up to \$1200.00. Motion passed.

**Action:** Amy Dale moved to approve \$135.00 expenditure to rent The Nest for a special picture night March 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

**#12 Membership Survey Feedback- Karen Craven**

Council gave feedback on survey questions. More time will be necessary. Karen Craven will organize a work committee to perfect this survey.

**Action:** none

**#13 Family Activities- Mike Pennington**

Moved to next month's agenda

**#14 Chemeketanware- Bonnie Arias**

**Action:** Bonnie Arias moved to initiate a contest for a new Chemeketan design to be used on t-shirts, mugs and bandanas. Motion passed.

**#15 New Business-none**

**#16** Review of Action sheet- will be emailed to council members.

**Discussion items**

**Policy Removal:**

A member wanted council to consider removing two items from current policy. The items under consideration were a ban on wearing jeans to Chemeketan outdoors activities and the

prohibition of scheduling other Chemeketan activities on Chemeketan Trail Maintenance Days. Council declined to take action on both items at this time.

**Annual Banquet-** a no-host wine and beer service was discussed, however, more time is needed for this issue. Obtaining photos for the banquet was discussed, plus banquet giveaways and ideas to increase participation.

*Attached reports not shown in the bulletin may be obtained by contacting the recording secretary, Bonnie Arias*

**Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.**  
**The March meeting will be Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Location: Chemekeden**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The April Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, at 6 P.M. at the Chemekeden.***

### CHEMEKETANWARE CONTEST!

Hello fellow **Chemeketans!** We are holding a contest to update our Chemeketanware! Please loan us your artistic capabilities and submit your entry by May 15th. Design should be able to be printed on a cup, bandana or t-shirt. Winning entry will receive a t-shirt with their very own design plus bragging rights! Try to incorporate our thunderbird image if possible.



Email submissions to [mchuckp@gmail.com](mailto:mchuckp@gmail.com) (Mike Pennington) or [bonniearias@gmail.com](mailto:bonniearias@gmail.com) (Bonnie Arias). If you are unable to email your design please call Bonnie Arias at 503-580-7085 for an alternative method. Winning design will be chosen by an eclectic team of artsy, intelligent, creative outdoors people by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CHEMEKETAN STORE MERCHANDISE:

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

Inventory includes:

- Thunderbird embroidered patch, 3"..... \$2  
(see image above)
- Thunderbird pin, 3/4"..... \$1
- Cap, 75<sup>th</sup> 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 ¢  
(see image above)

### LATE BULLETIN?

Due to recent closure of bulk mail facilities by the post office, the editors cannot guarantee the delivery of printed bulletins by the first of the month. The editors will continue to send the bulletin to the printer and post it on the club's website one to two weeks prior to the first of the month.

### SNOWSHOE TRIP RATINGS:

The difficulty of a snowshoe trip is dependent upon a number of variables: principally length, elevation gain, snow conditions, and the number of people able and willing to break trail.

**EASY** - Generally not more than 5 round-trip miles with up to 500 feet of elevation gain.

**MEDIUM** - Generally over 5 round-trip miles but less than 8 with over 500 feet of elevation gain up to 1000.

**HARD** - Generally over 8 round-trip miles with over 1000 feet of elevation gain.

Two local business rent snowshoes and poles:

Salem Summit Company  
246 State Street  
503-990-7304

South Salem Cycleworks  
4071 Liberty Road South  
503-399-9848

### 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.

### 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.

**Salem Sports Authority**, Lancaster Mall, Salem,  
15% on first Monday of each month at outdoors register.

**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. The use of an **asterisk\*** on climb related activities indicates that the activity is available to first year climbers.

### **Tuesday, April 1, MBI, 5:45 p.m., MINTO BROWN TRAIL RUN**

**JUSTIN CLARK 503-380-3350**

Come enjoy an easy weeknight run at Minto Brown park. Distance will be 3-4 miles with a 10-10:30 min per mile pace. Bring weather/running appropriate clothing. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, dist 3 miles.

### **Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m., CHEMEKETAN CLIMB SCHOOL CLASSROOM SESSION #1\***

**THERESA CONLEY 541-231-0453**

The 2014 Chemeketan Climb School is a great introduction to basic mountaineering and rock climbing skills. Students attend two evening classroom sessions on April 2nd & 9th and a weekend field session on April 12-13. The field sessions are devoted to rock climbing practice at Horsethief Butte on Saturday and snow skills at Mt. Hood on Sunday. Cost is \$155 for members. Participants must be 18 or older (16 or 17 with parental supervision). Register online at [http://www.chemeketans.org/climb\\_school.asp](http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp) where further information is available. Contact Theresa Conley at [theresamongolia@hotmail.com](mailto:theresamongolia@hotmail.com) with questions. Chemeketan Climb School, or an equivalent, is required to participate in club-sponsored climbs.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 280 miles.

### **Wednesday, April 2, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION**

**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 restoration 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 on a variety of projects: removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, picking up litter, building nesting cavities in snags, constructing and maintaining trails, and digging a habitat pond this summer. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our fourth year, we have made notable progress with our collaborative effort.

### **Wednesday, April 2, 8:00 a.m., EAGLE CREEK HIKE**

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

This hike is an Oregon classic and one of your leader's favorites. The elevation gain is consistent and gradual. There are areas of exposure but the scenery is Columbia Gorge spectacular at its best. This is a popular hike but given it is midweek, trail traffic should be light. You may contact the leader by phone or at [mrkenash@comcast.net](mailto:mrkenash@comcast.net). Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Hike dist 12 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

### **Wednesday, April 2, WATERFOWL VIEWING - ALBANY**

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

Bring your camera and we'll take some photos at Talking Water in Albany. Short walk on gravel roadways though numerous ponds with lots of wildlife. Slow pace. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 40 miles, dist 3 miles, Elev. 50 feet.

### **Thursday, April 3, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**

**LEE SLATTUM**

Into our sixth 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 p.m. 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 5, 8:00 a.m., EAGLE CREEK HIKE**

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

This is a beautiful hike in the Columbia Gorge, up the Eagle Creek canyon to Tunnel Falls and return. It is a steady climb along a cliff trail with waterfalls and exposed basalt formations. Wildflowers should be out. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 190 miles, Hike dist 12.5 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

### **Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK HIKE**

**LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641**

Join the Minto Walkers as we walk 3-4 miles every Saturday morning through Minto-Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY.

### **Sunday, April 6, CASCADE HEAD HIKE**

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

The Cascade Head trail can be a workout, but it is short and we don't need to rush. Views over the Salmon River estuary and down the coast are beautiful any time of year. We may look for an alternative if high winds or heavy rain are expected. Pre-register by phone or email: [mliepins@willamette.edu](mailto:mliepins@willamette.edu). Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 122 miles, Hike dist 4.2 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

### **Sunday, April 6, SKM, 8:00 a.m., MCDOWELL CREEK FALLS HIKE**

**MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767**

McDowell Creek runs from the Cascade foothills and enters into the South Santiam River between Lebanon and Sweet Home. Along its route is a small park with three very pretty waterfalls in it. It has good hiking trails to each waterfall and can be hiked as

part of a loop. Much of the land around the park is private property and has been logged. The park itself is a haven of beauty. This hike is suitable for just about anyone. Slow pace. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 3 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

**Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., CAPITOL & CREEKS EVENING WALK AROUND SALEM HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: SYLVIA DAWSON & DAVID JACKSON  
503-951-1293**

Come join us as we enjoy an evening spring walk around Salem. We will meander through historic neighborhoods in the downtown area. We will see a close up of the Capitol park, other small hidden parks, creeks and historical buildings. Moderate pace.  
RATED: EASY/MEDIUM, Hike dist 5 miles.

**Monday, April 7, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING  
Koffee Klatch at the Beanery Fast pace.**

**Tuesday, April 8, MBI, 5:45 p.m., MINTO BROWN TRAIL RUN  
JUSTIN CLARK 503-380-3350**

Come enjoy an easy weeknight run at Minto Brown park. Distance will be 3-4 miles with a 10-10:30 min per mile pace. Bring weather/running appropriate clothing. Moderate pace.  
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Other dist 3 miles.

**Tuesday, April 8, 8:30 a.m., SILVER FALLS HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: DIANE CLAYTON 503-585-9548**

Pre-register with leader before Monday, April 7. We will start at Winter Falls and hike toward South Falls where we will have lunch in the lodge. We will return to the cars via the rim trail. Bring 10 essentials, wear boots, bring lunch and water. We will share the \$5.00 per car entry fee. Slow pace.  
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 55 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m., CLIMB SCHOOL CLASSROOM SESSION #2\*  
THERESA CONLEY 541-231-0453**

See April 2 entry for details and/or go to the Climbing page at [http://www.chemeketans.org/climb\\_school.asp](http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp).

**Wednesday, April 9, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION  
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 restoration 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 on a variety of projects: removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, picking up litter, building nesting cavities in snags, constructing and maintaining trails, and digging a habitat pond this summer. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our fourth year, we have made notable progress with our collaborative effort.

**Thursday, April 10, SKM, CASCADIA CAVE AND SODA CREEK FALLS DAWDLER HIKE  
PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

Off the South Santiam Highway, east of Sweet Home, one can visit a cave with petroglyphs on the walls of an overhang. Probably put there over a thousand years ago, they were a

surprise for me on my first trip there 20 or more years ago. Returning to Cascadia State Park via a level trail, we will then hike the Soda Creek trail, wending our way uphill to this narrow three-part falls. Slow pace.  
RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 130 miles, Hike dist 3.5 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Thursday, April 10, CENTER 50+ LUNCH  
LEE SLATTUM**

Into our sixth 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 p.m. 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.

**Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., SECOND THURSDAY PIZZA NIGHT  
JEAN GABRIEL**

Enjoy a night out with fellow Chemeketans at Abby's Legendary Pizza in Keizer at 3451 River Road North. They have great pizza as well as a salad bar and sandwiches.

**Friday, 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 see wildflowers, waterfalls, and a stunning view of the Columbia Gorge. A good workout, but not extreme. Moderate pace.  
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 7.6 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

**Friday, April 11, INTERMEDIATE ROCK PRO/ANCHOR SKILLS AT HORSETHIEF BUTTE  
MIKE RUDY**

For details go to the Climbing page at <http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing.asp>

**Friday, April 11, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT  
MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385**

The Other Camino – The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the tomb of St. James in north-west Spain. During the middle ages, people walked out of their front doors and started off to Santiago, which was how the network grew. The most well-known and well-traveled route goes from St. Jean-Pied-du-Port in France to Santiago. Randy Selig and Joanne Fitzgerald explored a different route. Please join us for pictures and discussion about their 600-mile walk on the Via de la Plata from Seville, Spain, to Santiago de Compostela.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 12-April 13, CHEMEKETAN CLIMB SCHOOL FIELD SESSION\*  
THERESA CONLEY**

See April 2 entry for details and/or go to the Climbing page at [http://www.chemeketans.org/climb\\_school.asp](http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp).

**Saturday, April 12, RPR, LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN & VICINITY HIKE  
ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785**

This is a Portland urban walk in and near the Leach Botanical Garden. We will follow the route described in Laura Foster's "Portland Hill Walks" (walk #15 in the 2005 edition). I will try to scout this walk in advance; if I cannot, together we'll follow the description in Foster's book. The gardens should be lovely this



time of year. Please register tentative interest at least 24 hours in advance by phone or at [jseibert@willamette.edu](mailto:jseibert@willamette.edu). Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 100 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK HIKE  
LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641**

Join the Minto Walkers as we walk 3-4 miles every Saturday morning through Minto-Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY.

**Sunday, April 13, 8:00 a.m., CASCADE HEAD HIKE  
PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929**

This is a wonderful hike with grand views of the ocean and the Salmon River estuary. We may find an alternate location if the day is wet and windy. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 1290 feet.

**Sunday, April 13, SKM, 8:00 a.m., SILVER FALLS STATE  
PARK HIKE**

**BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606**

This will be the "Trail of Ten Falls" hike around the park. We will start our hike from the North Falls parking lot and walk into the canyon. We will enjoy our lunch in the historic South Falls Lodge and then return via the canyon Rim Trail. The park fee is \$5. Note that sections of the trail are muddy. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 50 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

**Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE  
BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

Koffee Klatch at the Beanery Fast pace.

**Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m., BUSH PARK AND  
WILLAMETTE CAMPUS DAWDLER HIKE**

**CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867**

Meet at the soap box derby sign in the Bush Park parking lot on Mission between Church and Winter St. SE. We'll walk around Bush Park and then Deepwood looking for wildflowers. We'll leave Deepwood and enter Willamette campus by strolling through the Rita Steiner Nature Trail. Then we'll walk around the campus and enjoy the mill race. We'll return to Bush Park via Pringle Park where we can enjoy views of Shelton Ditch and Pringle Creek. We should be back to our cars before noon. No need to pre-register, but feel free to call me with any questions. Slow pace.

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

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., BUSH PARK/DEEPWOOD  
ESTATE HIKE**

**JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615**

We will walk through Bush Park and Deepwood Estate checking on the occasional flower. Meet at the bottom of the Soap Box Derby track at 6:00 p.m. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Hike dist 4 miles, Elev. 100 feet.

**Wednesday, April 16, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION  
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

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every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 on a variety of projects: removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, picking up litter, building nesting cavities in snags, constructing and maintaining trails, and digging a habitat pond this summer. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our fourth year, we have made notable progress with our collaborative effort.

**Wednesday, April 16, COLUMBIA GORGE TRAIL AND  
WATERFALLS HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

We will use a new 1.6 mile of trail developed over the right of way of the historic Columbia River Highway to reach three waterfalls. We will start at Yeon State Park, hike a mile up McCord Creek to view Elowah Falls and Upper McCord Creek Falls and then return to the main trail and hike east over the new McCord Creek bridge and Moffett Creek bridge to Tanner Creek. Next we will hike up Tanner Creek Canyon one mile to Wahclella Falls and then return to Yeon State Park. Wildflowers and views of the Columbia River, Beacon Rock, and Hamilton Mountain will be so great we won't even notice I-84.

Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 170 miles, Hike dist 11.2 miles, Elev. 940 feet.

**Wednesday, April 16, CROISAN CREEK TRAIL HIKE**

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

We will hike the Croisan Creek trail including the Meadow Loop in southeast Salem. There will be wet spots on the trail. We should catch the camas bloom in the meadow. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

**Wednesday, April 16, DEN, 7:00 p.m., CHEMEKETAN TRIP  
SAFETY**

**BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

Come and learn the procedures Chemeketans follow on trips to avoid accidents or any other type of problem on a trip. The information provided is based on actual events occurring on previous trips. If you think you know it all, you don't! You are also welcome to add your expertise to the discussion.

**Wednesday, April 16, MBI, 5:45 p.m., MINTO BROWN TRAIL  
RUN**

**JUSTIN CLARK 503-380-3350**

Come enjoy an easy post tax-day run at Minto Brown park. Distance will be 3-4 miles with a 10-10:30 min per mile pace. Bring weather/running appropriate clothing. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, dist 3 miles.

**Thursday, April 17, CENTER 50+ LUNCH  
LEE SLATTUM**

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**Saturday, April 19, MARYS PEAK MOUNTAIN FITNESS  
HIKE\* STEVE DOUGHERTY**

Mary's Peak is the highest point in Oregon's Coastal Mountains. We will be hiking the North Ridge Trail. It is 5.5 miles and 2300 feet to the summit. Participants are to carry a pack weighing 15% of their body weight (30 pound maximum) in order to

simulate the rigors of a mountain climb. The close proximity of this hike will have us back in Salem shortly after 1 p.m. For details and to sign-up go to the Climbers page at <http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing.asp>.

**Saturday, April 19, 7:00 a.m., CATHERINE CREEK/COYOTE WALL HIKE**

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

We will combine multiple short hikes at Catherine Creek (on the Washington side of the Gorge near Hood River) and hike partly along Coyote Wall. The bitterroot, some grass widows, and other flowers should be in bloom. We will stop for the occasional flower. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 210 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Saturday, April 19, DEN, 9:00 a.m., CHEMEKETAN TRIP SAFETY**

**BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

See April 16 entry for details.

**Saturday, April 19, INDIAN POINT HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LEE SLATTUM**

Located near Cascade Locks, Indian Point is a classic Columbia Gorge hike, filled with splendid scenery and heart-pounding exercise. The final approach to the Point, jutting into the skyline of I-84, is a narrow, bouldery spine; a fall from either side would make survival unlikely. But it is here that a most spectacular, far-reaching view of the Gorge is presented to the sure-footed, fearless hiker. Moderate pace.

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

**Saturday, April 19, PAR, 7:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE**

**JUSTIN CLARK 503-380-3350**

Come check out the extensive trail system at McDonald Forest near Corvallis. Trails/roads can be hilly but it's worth it! Expect moderate elevation gain and a slow-moderate pace uphill and a fast pace going down. Helmets are required and a decent mountain bike is recommended (don't bring a Walmart special). Bring water and weather/biking appropriate clothing. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 40 miles, Bike dist 15 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK HIKE LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641**

Join the Minto Walkers as we walk 3-4 miles every Saturday morning through Minto-Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY.

**Sunday, April 20, BALD BUTTE HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

This is a long drive but, if I have timed the day correctly, we will see the beautiful Columbia desert parsley and the flowering orchards in the valley below Mt. Hood. We may even see the train that comes up the valley from Parkdale. If there is still snow on the butte or the flowers are gone, we will go elsewhere. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 250 miles, Hike dist 8.2 miles.

**Sunday, April 20, 9:00 a.m., EASTER CAPITOL GARDENS DAWDLER HIKE**

**CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867**

Meet on the steps of the state capitol at 900 Court St. NE. The capitol gardens are usually beautiful this time of year and I hope that they're just as pretty this year. If we're lucky the cherry trees will be in blossom and the fountains will be running. On Easter Sunday people tend to come to the garden to take family pictures. It's fun to see the little kids in their Easter best. After we enjoy the capitol gardens we'll cross over into Willamette and wander around the campus. We should be back to our cars before noon. No need to pre-register, but feel free to call me with any questions. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 0 miles, Hike dist 3 miles, Elev. 0 feet.

**Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

Koffee Klatch at the Beanery Fast pace.

**Tuesday, April 22, 8:00 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 among the most spectacular hikes in Oregon, and there should be a good deal of water coming over the falls to make them even more impressive. Some wildflowers too. We will start at the North Falls, and have lunch at the lodge, which will be especially welcome if it's a rainy day. In any case, expect some mud and puddles on the trail. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 70 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Wednesday, April 23, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

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**Wednesday, April 23, SWEET CREEK FALLS HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

This is a long drive for a short hike, but the falls are beautiful. The trail is divided into sections and the trails themselves are interesting. Last year we passed a wall of Hooker's fairy bells. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 250 miles, Hike dist 5.2 miles, Elev. 650 feet.

**Thursday, April 24, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**

**LEE SLATTUM**

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**Thursday, April 24, 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), the site of the Lee Mission, and then on 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. Moderate pace.  
RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 16 miles, Hike dist 3 miles.

**Friday, April 25, SAF, CAPTAIN COOK CHASM AND DEVIL'S CHURN AT CAPE PERPETUA DAWDLER HIKE**  
**PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

Watch the waves crash on the rocks at Cook's Chasm then again at the Devil's Churn. We'll hope for a high enough tide to make the views spectacular. We'll go whatever the weather, so dress accordingly! Slow pace.  
RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 240 miles, Hike dist 3 miles, Elev. 300 feet.

**Saturday, April 26, ANGELS REST & LATOURELL FALLS HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL**

Angels Rest has a nice view of the Columbia Gorge. It's such a short hike that we will be driving a couple of miles to do another hike, Latourell Falls. This is a loop hike with a lower and impressive upper falls. The creek has some unique characteristics that make it worth while even though the trail may be crowded. The rating includes both hikes combined. Pre-register by phone. See roster for phone number. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 2100 feet.

**Saturday, April 26, 7:30 a.m., DOG MOUNTAIN HIKE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315**

This is a loop trail which offers great views up and down the Columbia Gorge and many wildflowers if our timing is right. Also, the route really lives up to the geographical name if the weather is good. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 206 miles, Hike dist 6.1 miles, Elev. 2900 feet.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 26-April 27, INTRO TO SMITH ROCK\* MIKE RUDY**

For details go to the Climbers page at <http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing.asp>.

**Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK HIKE**  
**LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641**

Join the Minto Walkers as we walk 3-4 miles every Saturday morning through Minto-Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY.

**Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m., VANCOUVER LAKE PADDLEFEST & BBQ PADDLE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LAURELYNSCHELLIN@HOTMAIL.COM**

Alder Creek Canoe-Kayak of Portland is hosting their annual free paddle festival on Vancouver Lake. 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 will also be available. Beginners are welcome and no previous experience is required. Come dressed to paddle and bring a lunch. All equipment and instruction will be provided free. Meet at 9 a.m. at 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. Afterward, Alder Creek is hosting a 4 p.m. complimentary BBQ. Last year it featured Oregon wines/micro-brews, a great bluegrass music band and paddle-related clothing/equipment giveaways.  
RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 90 miles.

**Sunday, April 27, FMN, BUTTEVILLE TO CHAMPOEG HIKE**  
**ELIZABETH SEIBERT 503-315-8785**

We will walk the asphalt trail from Butteville Store to Champoeg State Park and back. Depending on conditions, we may also further explore the park (there could be mud). Wear sturdy, non-slip shoes or boots, and bring rain gear and a lunch. We will eat outside or, in case of rain, under the eaves of the visitors' center at the park. Pre-register by calling or emailing:

[jseibert@willamette.edu](mailto:jseibert@willamette.edu). Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 55 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

**Sunday, April 27, TOM MCCALL PRESERVE HIKE**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605**

The Columbia Gorge at its best, the Tom McCall Preserve can be glorious with flowers and splendid with views. Steep but short, the hike to the flower meadow at the point provides a great lunch spot with our friends Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams in full view. Not such great friends, ticks and poison ivy have also been spotted. It's also a great birding location. Email leader at [mcolemanj@gmail.com](mailto:mcolemanj@gmail.com). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 230 miles, Hike dist 5.6 miles, Elev. 1400 feet.

**Monday, April 28, 7:00 p.m., AMTRAK OUTING ADVENTURE TRIP PLANNING**

**KAREN HUNTZINGER 503-364-0063**

Are you going to the outing but dreading the long drive? Want to add to the memories of the trip? Taking the train and carpooling a rental car can be faster than driving and cost competitive. Lets get together and plan our travel. Pre-register with leader for location.

**Monday, April 28, 3:00 p.m., SALEM AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE HIKE**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Chemeketans and Auduboners have used Wednesday mornings of the last three years to work on the restoration of this seven acre plot of land in West Salem. We will hike a slow pace to observe what has been accomplished by persistent, motivated volunteers. Removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, building and maintaining trails, installing oak branch snags modified to contain manmade nesting cavities, and having Salem Electric install a sky-high osprey nesting platform are projects undertaken to help make this urban piece of property a worthy destination for hiking and bird watching. The reserve is located on Eola Drive, behind Safeway on Edgewater. Drive a couple of blocks up Eola and find the

parking lot on the right. Slow pace.  
RATED: DAWDLERS, Other dist 1.5 miles, Elev. 50 feet.

**Monday, April 28, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**  
Koffee Klatch at the Beanery Fast pace.

**Tuesday, April 29, SKM, 8:30 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST HIKE**

**BARB SCHRAM 503-428-6634**

We'll begin on road 500 and using sections of various trails reach the Powder House Trail. After reaching the Cap House we will descend on the Powder Trail to Cronemiller Lake for lunch. Return via Calloway trail. We could stop at the Dairy Queen in Monmouth on our return to Salem. Moderate pace.  
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Wednesday, April 30, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

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constructing and maintaining trails, and digging a habitat pond this summer. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our fourth year, we have made notable progress with our collaborative effort.

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

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

This is an evening walk through downtown parks and Willamette University. We'll start at the Gilbert House parking lot under the bridge overpass and take a quick look at the river from the pedestrian walking bridge. We'll continue through Riverfront, Bush and Pringle parks with a circle back through Willamette University. Please call hike leader to sign up. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Hike dist 7 miles.

**Wednesday, April 30, STAHLMAN POINT HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385**

This is a great spring hike for a workout with woods, possible early flowers, views and not much driving. We'll enjoy lunch at the top with views of Jefferson, Coffin Mountain, and Detroit Lake with Tumble Falls in the distance. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 4.6 miles, Elev. 1340 feet.

## 2014 Future Events

*Backpack schedule - refer to the March Bulletin for the full schedule of 2014 backpacks.*

*Climbing schedule and details – refer to the climbing page at <http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing.asp>*

**Saturday, May 3, INTERMEDIATE SNOW SKILLS\* CLIMB MIKE NIEMEYER**

**Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11, INTRO TO SPORT CLIMBING AT SMITH ROCK CLIMB SCOTT PHILLIPS**

**Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, WEST PUEBLO RIDGE, U\* CLIMB KEITH GARLINGHOUSE**

**Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m., SILVER FALLS BACKCOUNTRY CAMP WORK PARTY & EXPLORATION CLIMB MIKE NIEMEYER 503-910-9726**

We will be working on trails and exploring a new backcountry camp and shelter at Silver Falls State Park. We will meet at the main park office and shuttle via 4 wheel drive vehicles to a staging point where we will go by foot the rest of the way. In addition to trail maintenance we will also view and discuss the site of and uses for the state park system's first ever backcountry camp and shelter. Details at

<http://mikessummits.blogspot.com/>

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM.

**Thursday, May 22, DEN, 7:00 a.m., BEGINNER'S BACKPACK CLASS, CHEMEKEDEN BACKPACK 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 backpacking.

**Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25, MT HOOD, SOUTH SIDE S1 CLIMB STEVE DOUGHERTY**

**Sunday, June 1, MT. HOOD, SKI DESCENT, S1 CLIMB KEITH GARLINGHOUSE**

**Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8, NORTH TWIN SISTER, WEST RIDGE, M1\* CLIMB BILL SAUR**

**Friday-Sunday, June 13-15, CHAMPOEG KAYAK/CANOE CAMPOUT PADDLE**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JAN THOMPSON 503-931-2886**

Pre-registration for camping by May 10th. Agenda: Fri-Tualatin River Paddle (optional), 4 pm check in at Campground. Sat-Ash Slough Paddle. Sun - check out 1 pm. This is the western bluebird weekend at Champoeg. There's birding, a four mile paved bike, walk, run path. We have reserved spaces for two more rv/trailers and six tents. Approx. cost \$25/person for the weekend depending on participation. If you can't camp with us please feel free to kayak with us. Slow pace.

RATED: EASY.

**Friday-Sunday, June 13-15, 12:00 p.m., TROUT CREEK MOUNTAINS, SOUTHEASTERN OREGON BACKPACK BILL SULLIVAN 541-683-6837**

Join guidebook author Bill Sullivan as he updates his book, "100 Hikes in Eastern Oregon". For this 16th annual Chemeketan-Obsidian joint backpack we'll start at Willow Creek Hot Springs

and bushwhack up oasis desert canyons looking for wildflowers and wildlife. We'll start by rendezvousing at the cafe in Fields (135 miles south of Burns) at noon on Friday -- so it would be possible to get up very early on Friday and still arrive on time. This makes the trip possible for working people who can take off only one day. Carpooling from Eugene and/or Salem is encouraged. Janell and Bill will already be in Fields for other research. From Fields we'll caravan 40 miles to a location near Willow Creek Hot Springs to park the cars and start hiking. On Friday and Saturday nights we'll camp at the same location, so we can explore the upper reaches of the canyons without heavy backpacks on Saturday. On Sunday we'll hike back down to the cars by 2 p.m., so it would still be possible to drive back to Salem or Eugene that night. Maximum group size: 14. Fast pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 800 miles, Backpack dist 15 miles, Elev. 2500 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, June 20-22, BEGINNER'S BACKPACK, TWIN LAKES, BULL OF THE WOODS WILDERNESS BACKPACK PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

This backpack is designed for those of you new to backpacking and for those of you who have backpacked, but not recently, and want to see if you really are interested in taking it up again. We will backpack to Twin Lakes in the Bull of the Woods

Wilderness just east of Salem. The hike distance is 6.3 miles one way with about 1,200 feet of elevation gain going in and about 1,000 coming out. On Saturday, we will day hike in the area with possible destinations being Silver King Mountain, Silver King Lake or Whetstone Mountain. With luck, the weather will be good, but all backpackers are expected to be prepared for cold, wet weather. Please contact leader at [cooperrm50@gmail.com](mailto:cooperrm50@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information.

Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 116 miles, Backpack dist 13 miles, Elev. 2200 feet.

**Sunday-Saturday, August 24-30, CANYON DE CHELLEY PRE-REG W/LDR: HARDIN KING 503-845-9340**

Base camp in beautiful Canyon de Chelly in NE Arizona, hike 6-10 miles a day, with elevation +/- of 1200', see cliff dwellings of Anasazi and native rock art of Anasazi/Ute/Hopi/Navajo, become acquainted with four generations of a Navajo family and share potluck & maybe sweat with them, be surrounded by the quiet beauty of 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. Hardin King 503-845-9340 [hardinking@hotmail.com](mailto:hardinking@hotmail.com).

## We Were There

**Mexico Volcanos Climb, December 9 - December 17**

This thing all started when I decided to put Pico de Orizaba on the climb calendar in December of 2012. I got the idea for this climb because I was supposed to go on the climb years ago when my nephew, four other Chemeketans and I planned this trip. But due to my work, I was unable to go. So, I've always felt I was supposed to go.

At first there was a lot of interest; eight to ten different people approached me wanting info, dates, etc. But, as the months carried on, I spent more and more time with the logistics, and decided to wait and give out the hard information on the climb to those who were extremely interested. By March, it had whittled down to about eight people that were still very interested. After researching flights, dates and accommodations, I discussed with the remaining people that I made the decision that to secure a spot on this trip I would need a confirmation of the purchased flight. This whittled it down to me and four others. By early April, the five of us (Mike Pennington, Mason Smith, Jack Myrtue, Stephen Rockford and I) had purchased round-trip flights to Mexico City. After that, the trip was put on the back burner for a while; we weren't leaving until December. It gave me plenty of time to do some research and set up other logistics. I figured I'd need that long since it was the first international climb I had put together. The summer didn't go quite as I had planned, what with battling a pretty severe pneumonia and a couple of shoulder injuries that put me down for quite a while.

By September I had mostly healed up and we had our first meeting of the five. That's when I found out that a sixth person wanted to go. So I contacted Jay Avery and, of course, told him he was more than welcome to join our team. As the climb got closer and logistics got more complicated, I realized how incredibly helpful Mike Pennington was. Areas that I was having trouble with, he could get through, and vice versa. He was invaluable as an assistant, not only for his climbing experience,

but his logistical prowess as well. Thirty days before we were scheduled to start our adventure, we had one more meeting, of all six of us, to iron out the final details, pick tent mates, go through shared gear and luggage and review the schedule.

Before we knew it, Monday, December 9th was upon us. Up to this point it was all very surreal. But when you're standing in an airport in the middle of the night with five other guys, and hundreds of pounds of gear packed in array of duffels and suitcases, it kinda hits you that this is really happening. We boarded our red-eye flight to Mexico City just before midnight, and the adventure began.

We arrived in Mexico City a little after 10 a.m. December 10th. After gathering all our bags we headed for Customs and Immigration. If you've never traveled with climbing equipment in your checked bags, it can be a little unnerving wondering if the baggage inspectors were going to tear into yours like a five year old into a Christmas present. But in Mexico, they have this wonderful red-light/green-light system/game. You bring all your bags up to the agent, you press a button, if you get the green light, then you get to just walk through. If you get the red light, they get to open everything. By some incredible stroke of luck we all got a green light. Little did I know this would be how our entire trip would go.

While still in the airport, we found a taxi that would take us to the bus station. If you don't know about the bus system in Mexico, it is incredible. You can virtually get anywhere in the entire country by bus. The system has from first-class to third-class busses; some that are as luxurious as first-class accommodations in an airliner. The bathrooms on the bus were clean and the seats were comfortable. They run on very efficient schedules and, even with the limited Spanish that we all knew, it was easy to find the busses we needed during our whole trip. From Mexico City we traveled to the small town of Apizaco. Here, Mike Pennington and I left the rest of the crew and our

gear to run about five blocks to where the colectivo (a much smaller system of transportation using vans that act similar to taxis) was. After some broken English and Spanish, back and forth, we got our colectivo to where we were spending our first night in the shadow of La Malinche, at the Malintzi Centro Vacacional, a "government-run" camping and vacationing area at 9,800 feet. This place is beautiful, with nice grounds, a playground for kids, well-kept hedges, and clean cabins. They also have a soccer field surrounded by a large track. It seems that this place is sometimes used as an Olympic training facility. Our cabin for six (with a refrigerator, a television, hot shower, flush toilet, and plenty of room for all of us) cost us a whopping total of 1,360 pesos total (roughly \$104) for both (Tuesday and Wednesday) nights. We had a great meal at the restaurant, and then sorted our gear for Wednesday's ascent of La Malinche.

We headed out early the next morning. The beginning of the hike winds through a thick forested area. Little did we know, during this time was the Festival de Guadalupe. It appears that the people of Mexico make an effort to do something difficult while carrying statues, framed pictures, banners, etc. There were probably 200 people making a pilgrimage to the top of La Malinche. Along the way, many wanted us to stop and take a picture with them. I must say, I felt a little out of place, wearing hundreds of dollars of gear and clothing, while they were hiking up the mountain in their torn jeans, cotton sweatshirts, and array of shoes ranging from dress shoes to football cleats, all the while carrying rolled up blankets in book-bag backpacks, pictures or statues, and some very loud fireworks that were let off indiscriminately throughout the climb. They all seemed to enjoy us being on the mountain with them. Once we broke out of the trees and started on the steeper portions, we got some brief views of Pico de Orizaba to the east and Popocatepetl (Popo) smoking to the west. After quite a strenuous hike through scree, sand and large rocks, we neared the summit pinnacle. From there it's a short ten to fifteen foot, fourth-class scramble to the top at 14,640 feet, a new high-point for five of us, except Jay. We celebrated our accomplishment and took some summit photos, but because the clouds had rolled in, there wasn't much of a view. The people at the top were amazing; they looked like they had just gone out for a Sunday stroll. There were people relaxing, bundled up in their blankets; some were even smoking cigarettes. But all seemed to enjoy having us at the top with them. I felt privileged to experience this event with them and appreciated their acceptance of us. On our way down, we found a nice scree slope that cut a lot of time off our decent. When we got back to our cabin we rested up, showered and feasted again at the restaurant. The next day we'd be off to Tlachichuca and Pico de Orizaba.

The next morning we woke early and waited for our colectivo. We had made arrangements the day before, with the driver that dropped us off, but he didn't show. Luckily, there was a colectivo dropping off people that worked at the facility, and we grabbed him to take us back to Apizaco. This was the only glitch during our entire trip. From Apizaco we took the bus to Puebla, the third largest city in Mexico. The bus station there was huge, filled with many different bus agencies and thousands of people. There again we had to schlep all our bags until this wonderful, older gentleman came up with a large hand truck. At that point he piled all fourteen of our bags onto his hand truck and proceeded to briskly take us to our next bus terminal. At times we were hustling to keep up with this man. I believe he was awarded the highest tip we gave out while in Mexico. After a quick trip to the food court, we boarded our next bus to Tlachichuca. This bus was a third-class bus. It made a lot

more stops in smaller towns. People would get on and off; some would get on just to sell things like creams, cookies and candies.

After a couple hours the bus dropped us off right in front of our destination, a bright orange building with the Indian word for the mountain, Citepletel, painted on the outside with a drawing of the mountain itself. Joaquin, our host, a jovial man with weathered skin and a great big smile, greeted us and let us know from the very beginning that this was to be our house. We entered the compound to the sound of many birds that were Joaquin's pets. The rest of the family came out and greeted us, then we retreated to the ground floor rooms, stowed our gear and set our dinner time. We then went exploring the small town of Tlachichuca. As luck would have it, we found two Mormon youths on mission, one from San Diego, that showed us to the town square. The Festival de Guadalupe was in full swing. Flags criss-crossed the street, outdoor vendors were in the square and music filled the air. We made our way to the mercado (local market) where there were vendors with hanging meats of all types. There were fruit and vegetable stands filled with colorful, fresh produce that we all enjoyed. There were old women making fresh tortillas that smelled fantastic and we all took advantage of those. We made it back to our accommodations, but much to our dismay the mountain was totally clouded over. It looked like quite a squall up there, and we were happy to be sleeping in nice beds that night. Dinner was fantastic; we were served chicken mole, rice, black beans, and tortillas, all simple, but so flavorful and filling. After dinner we discussed our plans, made some adjustments to our climb schedule and sorted out gear.

The next morning I was not feeling well; up and down throughout the night. I don't think any of us got much sleep, in anticipation of our upcoming climb. After a fantastic breakfast, and the best salsa verde I've ever had, we loaded up the jeeps with all our gear and three, five-gallon jugs of water, and were off to the mountain. It was a bumpy ride through very small towns, then thick forests. The road was winding, with some slight wash-outs, and was four-wheel drive most of the way. After just under two and a half hours, we arrived at Piedra Grande, 13,900 feet, a large cinderblock and concrete hut that marks the start of the Orizaba climb. We had heard the hut can be very busy, smelly and crowded, so we opted to tent it. At this time, I again was not feeling well. I felt very winded, emotional at times; the altitude was nipping at my heels. We all decided to take an acclimation hike. We got to 15,100 feet. No packs, light boots, just snacks and water. This took about an hour. I felt ok on the hike. We got back to camp, had dinner and packed for the next day. The altitude really started to affect me. Even though the hike went well, and I felt strong, when I got back at camp I started feeling very poorly, more emotional, teary at times, and felt it wasn't looking good for me. After talking with the team (they were very encouraging) I felt a little better. After dinner we hit the sack early, around 8 p.m.. That night was awful, with a headache, ringing in the ears, and getting up and down all night to pee. That diamox sure does its job. The next morning I felt very lethargic, still with a headache. The rest of the team went on an acclimation hike and to stash ropes and other gear at about 15,000 to 15,500 feet. I stayed behind to rest up, hydrate and eat. We were in radio contact the whole time. Jay, Jack and Steve decided to come back down while Mike and Mason went on to find, and wand, a way through the first part of the labyrinth, a maze of rocks and snow chutes that lead to the toe of the Jamapa Glacier. A little after Mike and Mason got back, it started to hail and within a half hour, it was

hailing hard. There was close to an inch by the time it started to let up. As we were finishing up dinner, many other climbers and guides were arriving at the hut and we were all glad we had our tents. There were a couple of guys from the US, some from Italy, some from Costa Rica, a real mix. By 3:30 p.m. we were off to bed. I still felt a little sketchy.

We woke up at 11 p.m., checked our gear, clothing, water, ate some food, and headed out by 12:15. I was actually feeling pretty damn good and the rest of the team was happy that I was headed out with them. We were making pretty good time, a little less than a thousand feet an hour with packs, water, gear and heavy boots. It was nice that we had hiked through some sections during the day; it made it a lot easier during the night. Most of the route, before the labyrinth, is well marked with cairns, and the trail is fairly worn. When we got to the beginning of the labyrinth my wands with the reflective tape on the ends came in quite handy. Mike and Mason did a great job wandering out a way through the first part of the labyrinth, which can be the trickiest. After winding our way through the second part of the labyrinth, through some pretty steep snow, a lot of kicked steps, and mixed climbing conditions, we made it to the toe of the Jamapa Glacier, 16,000 feet. The rest of the team was strong and I was still feeling pretty good. But I could feel myself slowing down.

From here it was all glacier travel. There were flags marking the route that were left by one of the guide services and we decided to follow those. There were, maybe, six to ten other climbers on the glacier that day, all taking other routes. At about 16,500 it started to get a little steeper and the air got much thinner. We started zigzagging up the mountain, slow and deliberate. It's amazing how we all felt the altitude and the thinning of the air at that level. We kept moving, but our pace kept slowing. By 17,000 feet Jay, Mason, Mike and I had a discussion about time. The weather was fantastic. With sea of clouds below us, nothing but blue sky above us, and little to no wind, we decided to change our turn-around time. At about 17,300 feet, my breathing had become much more labored and I had started to cough. My pace had slowed considerably. After speaking again with my climbing assistants, Mason and Mike, and also eliciting Jay's advice, I told the rest of the group I made the decision to let them head for the summit. I kept at it for a while, and at about 17,600+ feet I found myself on my hands and knees, telling myself, out loud, to get up and walk down the mountain. It took all that I had to head down. I had to continuously tell myself, out loud, my name, my address, my phone number, my birth date, as well as my daughters name and birth date and my girlfriend's name and birth date. I would tell myself, out loud, to make it to the next flag. That's all I had to do. And when I achieved that, make it to my next flag. And then, make it to my pack, which we had dropped at 17,000 feet. I felt terrible that I wasn't with the rest of my team, heading for the summit. But we were in radio contact and I knew that they were strong, mountain-savvy and would work as a team. I had the utmost confidence in my assistants, Mason and Mike.

When I got back down to my pack I was starting to feel better. I ate and drank and made it down to just below the toe of the glacier. Just before then, I got a radio call that all five Chemeketan team Orizaba climbers were on the summit. I had tears of both joy and disappointment. I made my way to a shady spot and waited for the guys to come down. As they all came in, I greeted them with high-fives and hugs. We rested for a bit, re-hydrated, listened to their tales of glory and then we headed down, back to camp. It took us about four hours to get back to where Joaquin was waiting for us. We took a short breather,

broke camp and packed up all our stuff, once again loaded the jeeps and headed back to Tlachichuca. On the way back, the sunset was beautiful and Popo was smoking more than we had ever seen. We were greeted back at our accommodations with a wonderful meal. We sorted out our wet gear to dry, took long, hot showers and went off to bed. I slept like I rock; I don't believe I moved from the position that I fell asleep in. The next morning we packed up all our belongings back in our duffels and suitcases and waited for our bus back to Puebla, then to Mexico City.

In Mexico City, we stayed at a fantastic hotel called Maria Cristina, for 750 pesos (about \$58) for a two-bed room. The hotel was beautiful and the restaurant was fantastic. We had a giant victory meal and then set off to see the sites of Mexico City. The next morning we did a little souvenir shopping, and then headed to the airport. Checking our bags and getting on the plane went without a hitch, just like our entire trip. Travel from place to place went smoother than silk on glass. We got back to Portland around midnight, right on schedule. As we walked out of the secure area of the airport, Kris, my fabulous girlfriend, had a sign "WELCOME HOME TEAM ORIZABA". It was awesome.

The trip, all in all, was incredibly fantastic. Six guys, eight days, two mountains, tens of thousands of miles and not a harsh word was spoken. I think Jay Avery put it best, "Thank you guys for making this the most enjoyable trip of my life. My face still hurts from laughing so much." My sentiments exactly!!

Thank you again to a wonderful team. Participants: Leader Michael Rudy, Assistant Mason Smith, Assistant Mike Pennington, Climb Team Stephen Rockford, Jack Myrtue and the Iron Man Jay "The Animal" Avery.

Later in March we will be having a more comprehensive slide show of our adventure. Hope you all can make it!

### **Peavy Arboretum, January 25**

Our hike included the Section 36/Powder House Loop and Calloway Creek Trails. The first part of the 36 trail is a research area and we checked out a number of different tree species along the way. At the top of the loop is a logged area with a spectacular view out over Soap Creek to the coast range. The Calloway Creek loop at the lower east end of the arboretum turned out to be a fairly level, forested trail near Hwy 99 W. We encountered many hikers and dogs getting out to enjoy the mild day. The group enjoyed refreshments at the New Morning Bakery as usual. Participants were Dave Driscoll, Debra Driscoll, Beverly Hassell, Deanna Davis and Bill Wylie.

### **Bald Hill Dawdler Hike, February 3**

Cold but pleasant day, sunny with fluffy white clouds against a vivid blue sky. We watched some thunderheads appearing to the east as we sat eating lunch at the top of the hill, but they weren't going to send showers on us. No mountains in view east or west. Enjoying this stroll through the woods and across meadows were Patsy Smith, Sandy Harris and Paula Hyatt.

### **Fitton Green , February 16**

This was a short morning hike from the Bald Hill parking lot up to Fitton Green and back. The weather was overcast, but we lucked out and avoided rain until we were almost back. The view out over Kings Valley was clear with the exception of Marys Peak being obscured by clouds. Several of us enjoyed a long visit afterward at the New Morning Bakery. Visitors and

prospective members were Meghan Megowan, Gerald Hendrix, Stuart Holmes, Maya Ables, Barbara Grant and the leader Bill Wylie.

**Silver Creek Falls North Loop Hike, February 21**

We were looking forward to seeing the Upper and Lower Butte Creek Falls with a massive amount of water, but the roadhead sign said, "No Trespassing! Log Trucks on Road." This last two miles of road is narrow and winding, and we did not want to risk meeting a log truck. Retreating via a big loop almost due west we reached the North Falls parking lot at Silver Creek. Starting on the Canyon Trail, we first viewed North Falls as I've never seen it before with two heavy streams of water flowing over the edge. Needless to say, the amount of water in the creek was much higher and wider than usual. We turned uphill on the Winter Falls Trail, had a bench to sit on while we ate lunch, then returned to the car via the Rim Trail on top. Cool at the start of the day, but much warmer by the time we closed the 3.5-mile loop. Hikers were Diane Clayton, Lynda Newman and leader Paula Hyatt.

**Mt. Pisgah, February 23**

We were lucky to have one of the few decent hiking days in February to do Mari's loop around the south side of Mt. Pisgah. We did a variation taking a new trail for most of us to the summit. On top we could see Diamond Peak and even a couple of the Sisters peeking above a nearby ridge. Enjoying the hike were: Ric LaTour, Susan LaTour, Ken Johnson, Mari Baldwin, Jim Rastorfer, and leader John Huff.

**Silver Falls, March 1**

A cold morning rain in Salem didn't deter four hardy Chemeketans from heading off to hike the Silver Falls Canyon Trail from North Falls to South Falls and then the Rim Trail back. The falls were spectacularly full and the flora were iridescent green. It was warmer at the park than in Salem, an unusual situation that left us sweating under our rain gear by the time we arrived at South Falls Lodge for lunch. As always, we appreciated the volunteers who keep a roaring fire going in the big fireplace in the historic lodge. Those belonging to the merry band were members Vincent Dunn, Susan LaTour, Ric LaTour, and leader Elizabeth Seibert.

**Membership Comparison Report**

**As of 2/18/14**

Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adult	627	685	679	753	770	734	760	727	706	661	583
Junior	11	16	16	15	16	9	7	9	8	5	5
Total	638	701	695	768	786	743	767	736	714	666	588
Yearly	NA	10%	-1%	11%	2%	-5%	3%	-4%	-3%	-7%	-12%

**As of 2/18/13**

Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adult	627	685	679	753	770	734	760	727	706	556
Junior	11	16	16	15	16	9	7	9	8	5
Total	638	701	695	768	786	743	767	736	714	561
Yearly	NA	10%	-1%	11%	2%	-5%	3%	-4%	-3%	-21%

**As of 2/18/12**

Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adult	627	685	679	753	770	734	760	727	601
Junior	11	16	16	15	16	9	7	9	4
Total	638	701	695	768	786	743	767	736	605
Yearly	NA	10%	-1%	11%	2%	-5%	3%	-4%	-18%

**The Picture Night Experiment**

Prepared by: Mike Pennington, Chemeketan Executive Councilor, Media Chair

**Background:** Historically the Chemeketan Picture Night has been advertised in the bulletin and website and geared towards members.

**Concept:** Events like this are a great opportunity to get recognition and potentially gain members by inviting the community-at-large to



attend. The issue is that the Den isn't big enough to house a larger audience if people from the community do show up. So unless the venue is switched, it isn't feasible to advertise. I would like to switch to a larger venue and advertise the event to see how many nonmember people we get from the community. The experiment will take place for the March presentation.

**Game Plan:**

1. A venue has been identified that is reasonably priced and convenient. It is called "The Nest" and is located across the street from Salem Summit Co (down the street from the Den). I estimate it is 2.5X the size of the Den. They tell me that they can fit 100 people theater style comfortably. As a non-profit, the cost would be \$135 for a 3-hr block (enough time to set up, have the presentation, and tear down). All the tables and chairs are free to use as long as we set them up and tear them down. We are free to bring food and drink as long as we clean up.
2. Posters and flyers will be designed, printed, and placed around town to promote the event. Some additional advertising will be done via social networking channels (Facebook sharing). Family and friends will be encouraged to come. We will get listed in "What's Happening" calendars that are available.
3. At the event, a Chemeketan representative will give a brief description about the club at the start to the audience.
4. Tri-fold pamphlets will be created and made available at a table at the back of the room for interested parties to take that further explains the offerings of the club. This table will be manned by 1-2 individuals to answer questions.
5. The March event in particular will get added attention because the subject matter will be featured in a Statesman Journal article 1-2 weeks before the event in the outdoors section.

**Other Ideas that are Under Consideration:**

1. The idea has been discussed with Al Tandy from Salem Summit Co to have a pre-show event at his store. We get added exposure and Al gets people in his store. Again, the venue is across the street from him. Nothing has been confirmed.
2. A door prize could occur during the event. I see an option of asking Salem Summit Co to donate an item (or gift card) or we buy an item (or gift card). Mike Rudy is also going to ask a friend who reps gear as he may have free stuff to give us.

**Post Event Considerations:**

1. An assessment needs to occur to see how many nonmembers attended the event. It would also be good to get a sense of how much interest any of them showed in our pamphlets or at least asked questions. I'd also like to know what usual attendees think of the new venue and the idea of holding it elsewhere and inviting the public.
2. Make a decision if the investment of securing an outside venue is something we want to continue to explore longer term. If we get a good turnout of nonmembers, it would be excellent advertising for the club. If it was felt an external venue should continue, it would need to be decided if the new venue it supported or if there was a desire to seek a different one. Other option is to only go outside of the Den when we anticipate a larger turnout.