

Chemeketan

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photo: Allan King

Chemeketans camped at Cottonwood Canyon State Park in April and hiked to this overlook of the John Day River.

BEGINNER BACKPACK CLASS

7pm, Thursday May 22, at the Den

Everyone Welcome!

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Participation

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

Guests (non-members)

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

Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate foot gear and clothing (no jeans), carry lunch, water, rain gear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":
EXTRA food/clothing/water
flashlight & extra battery
lighter/matches in waterproof container
solar blanket and/or ground insulation in winter
Insect repellent
first aid materials sunglasses
pocket knife toilet paper
candle sunscreen
whistle small shovel

Trip Ratings:

DAWDLERS: Pace slow, group makes frequent stops for viewing, photography, etc.
EASY: Max. 5 miles round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 feet.
MEDIUM: 6 - 10 miles round trip, 1000 - 2000 feet elevation gain.
HARD: Long, strenuous, and difficult.

Trip Meeting Points

RAS = Rite Aid South, south Commercial, behind bus stop
CCC = WEEKENDS ONLY – Green Parking Lot (lot off Cooley Dr off Lancaster Side)
RLC = Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4665 Lancaster Dr (corner of Hayesville Dr – but never on Sunday)
SKM = Big K Lot, 2470 Mission St., Mission St. side, just west of Jack-in-the-Box
RPR = Roth's Portland Road, 4746 Portland Road NE (park in northwest corner on Portland Road)
PAR = State Motor Pool Park and Ride lot on Airport Road
DEN = 360½ State Street
FMN = Fred Meyer North west side of lot (River Road side)
SAF = Safeway West Salem, use Capital Manor exit from 22. Park on Edgewater -- southwest corner
MBI = Minto Brown Island Park (1st parking lot on right as you enter island)

Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

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

May Hiking Coordinator: Ken Ash 503-884-3160

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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."

When mailing 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.

Annual Dues: Adults \$20 and Juniors (members under age 18) \$3. The membership year starts January 1st.

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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. Do not send forms to the P.O. Box.

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

The **Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide** is available at

www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf

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

MAY 2014 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Location & Activity	Leader
Thurs	1	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	1	Orchard Heights Loop Hike	Janet Adkins
Fri	1	Picture Night	Mary Liepins
Sat	3	Intermediate Snow Skills Clinic*	Mike Niemeyer
Sat	3	Marys Peak Hike	Ken Ash
Sat	3	Angels Rest Hike	Mary Coleman
Sat	3	Minto Brown Walk	Laura DeVries
Sun	4	Mt. Hood, South Side Climb	Scott Phillips
Sun	4	Eagle Creek Hike	Blanka Truneckova
Sun	4	Rooster Rock Hike	Mary Liepins
Sun	4	Litter Pickup	Betsy Belshaw
Mon	5	Wahkeena to Multnomah Falls Loop Hike	Janet Adkins
Mon	5	Mission Lake or Minto-Brown Slough Paddle	Paula Hyatt
Mon	5	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	6	Cape Meares Area Hike	Diane Clayton
Tue	6	McKenzie River Trail Hike	George Struble
Wed	7	Valley of the Giants Hike	Bill Caldwell
Wed	7	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	7	Macleay Area Evening Walk	Sharon Wright
Thurs	8	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	8	Second Thursday- Pizza Night	Roger Monette
Sat	10	Reed College Urban Hike	Wayne Wallace
Sat	10	Minto Brown Walk	Laura DeVries
Mon	12	Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden Hike	Carol Soderberg
Mon	12	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	13	Monument Peak Hike	Roz Shirack
Tue	13	Fish Lake Paddle	Paula Hyatt
Tue	13	Intro to Sport Climbing* - Classroom Session	Scott Phillips
Wed	14	Larch Mountain Crater Hike	Betsy Belshaw
Wed	14	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	14	Halls Ridge Trail Climb Training Hike	Mary Wandell
Thurs	15	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	15	Bush Park / Deepwood Evening Hike	John Savage
Fri-Sun	16-18	West Pueblo Ridge U* Climb	Keith Garlinghouse
Sat-Sun	17-18	Intro to Sport Climbing R1* - Smith Rock	Scott Phillips
Sat	17	Silver Falls Backcountry Camp Work Party	Mike Niemeyer
Sat	17	Iron Mountain and Cone Peak Hike	Ken Ash
Sat	17	Eugene Urban Hike	Wayne Wallace
Sat	17	Sweet Creek Falls Hike	Matt Rieke
Sat	17	Row River Trail - Bike	Rick Jorgensen
Sat	17	Minto Brown Walk	Laura DeVries
Sun	18	Mt. Hebo Pioneer and Indian Trail Hike	Franca Hernandez
Sun	18	Wildcat Mountain Hike	Rick Cooper
Mon	19	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	20	Alsea Falls & Density Management Hike	Bill Caldwell
Wed	21	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	21	Belcrest Memorial Park Hike	Lee Slattum
Thurs	22	Henline Falls Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Thurs	22	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	22	Beginner's Backpack Class	Rick Cooper
Fri-Sat	23-25	Vantage or Callahans R1/R2 Climb	Vincent Dunn
Sat-Sun	24-25	Mt. Hood, South Side S1 Climb	Steve Dougherty
Sat	24	Dog Mountain Hike	John Savage
Sat	24	Little North Fork Hike	Vivienne Torgeson
Sat	24	Upper Salmonberry River Hike	Nancy Rockwell
Sat	24	Minto Brown Walk	Laura DeVries
Sun	25	Marys Peak Hike	Bill Wylie
Mon	26	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	27	Santiam Canyon Nature Walk	Steve Dougherty
Tue	27	Silverton Reservoir Paddle	Jan Thompson
Wed	28	Marys Peak Hike	Mary Coleman
Wed	28	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum

Wed	28	Sardine Mountain Climb Training Hike	Mary Wandell
Thurs	29	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	29	Mill Race and Pringle Creek Evening Hike	Carol Soderberg
Fri	30	Champoeg State Park to Butteville Hike	Pat Simila
Sat	31	Ramona Falls Loop Hike	Sylvia Dawson / David Jackson
Sat	31	Rooster Rock Hike	Roz Shirack
Sat	31	Minto Brown Walk	Laura DeVries
Sat	31	Sellwood Park "Summer Splash" Paddle and Dinner	Laurelyn Schellin

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun	June 1	Mt. Hood, Ski Descent, S1 Climb	Keith Garlinghouse
Fri-Sun	June 13-15	Trout Creek Mountains Backpack	Bill Sullivan
Fri-Sun	June 13-15	Champoeg Campout Paddle	Jan Thompson
Fri-Sun	June 20-22	Beginner Backpack, Twin Lakes, Bull of the Woods	Rick Cooper
Sun-Sat	Aug 24-30	Canyon De Chelly	Hardin King

2014 CHEMEKETAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President	Steve Dougherty	503-566-8899	Steve2756@gmail.com	3 year term thru 2016
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Councilor	Diane Clayton	503-585-9548	dianeclayton2@gmail.com	1 year term thru 2014
Councilor, Multimedia Chair..	Mike Pennington	513-284-7566	mchuckp@gmail.com	1 year term thru 2016

MARCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 19, 2014 6:00 P.M.
Chemekeden at 360 ½ State Street, Salem

Attendees:

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

Recording Secretary
Bonnie Arias

#1 Approve Executive Council Minutes of February 19, 2014:

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

#2 Treasurer's Report for February 2014 – Amy Dale -

February 2014 reports provided by Ascencion Accounting
Main Account Register
Statement of Assets & Liabilities, year-to-date comparison
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, year-to-date comparison.

- Club Assets total \$165,626 (includes Climbing and Outing accounts)

45,190	Cash (main account balance at 1/31 \$19,997)
113,091	Investments
1101	Prepaid Postage

<u>6243*</u>	Fixed assets less depreciation (cabin, equipment ,climbing gear)	
\$165,515	Total Assets	*purchased projector
2. The club generally has no liabilities. Currently there is a \$32 payroll liability.		
3. Revenues for the month of February total \$2539		
446	Club Membership	
2089	Climb Section Classes(climb school, route finding)	
0	General Store	
4	Interest	
\$3822	Total Revenue	
4. Expenses for the month of February total \$432		
157	Printing and Mailing (includes bulletin)	
195	Professional Services (includes bookkeeping)	
20	Supplies	
61*	Chemekeden (rent, utilities, maintenance)	
0	Classes Offered (materials, supplies, snacks, etc.)	
0	Other (14 months storage unit, \$20 refund)	
\$2185	Total Expenses	* February rent, \$275, was paid in March .

Action: February report was accepted by council.

#3 Reimbursements: Amy Dale

There were three reimbursements requested: \$60.20 to Mary Liepins for a postal charge, \$135.00 to Michael Pennington for rental of The Nest for a special picture night. Amy Dale asked if council wished to buy a yearly membership to the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs for \$50.00.

Action: Bonnie Arias moved to approve reimbursements and membership in the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs. Motion passed.

#4 Membership Report- February 2014 -Michael Gurley.

As of February 28, 2014 there were **600** active, paying members; including **9** life members and **7** junior members. There were **40** renewals in February.

During the month we received and processed **14** guest requests for complimentary electronic bulletins. The total number of guests receiving a three-month complimentary email notification of electronic bulletin availability is **87**. In addition, there are 33 businesses, agencies and libraries, as well as three other outdoor clubs who receive a printed bulletin at no charge.

Four new adult member applications were submitted:

1. Maya Abels
2. Charles Brown
3. Matthew Dougherty
4. Stewart Holmes

Payments received for renewals and new memberships totaled **\$863.00**.

Action: Mary Liepins moved to approve the new members. Motion passed.

#5 T shirt contest- Bonnie Arias

We have several submissions for the contest.

Action: Bonnie Arias moved to select a committee of seven members to choose a Chemeketan design to be utilized on t shirts, bandanas and other items by May 30th. Mary Liepins moved to approve motion. Motion passed.

#6 Banquet update- Karen Craven

Action: Karen Craven moved to purchase a gift certificate of appreciation for a current Chemeketan volunteer. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

#7 Media Brainstorm Results and Accomplishments-Mike Pennington

Discussed outcome of March picture night and when and if council wanted to use The Nest venue in the future. Mike is looking for volunteers to help him with media updates and projects.

Please see attached reports.

#8 Policies- Bonnie Arias

Bonnie Arias encouraged all council members to read policy guidelines in the next couple of months. Once council is familiar with current policies we can update the policies needing revision sometime this year.

#9 Facebook Update- Mike Gurley

Michael Gurley continues to work on updating and adding items of interest to the Chemeketan Facebook page. He is working on adding a link from the Chemeketan website. This will allow for easy access to the Chemeketan Facebook.

#10 Chemeketan Family Activities -Mike Pennington

Discussion was had about asking current hike leaders if they were interested in leading family hikes that could include child friendly, educational activities, and hikes of a short duration. Also discussed were family activities that could be done in collaboration with Silver Falls (i.e. hiking and camping activities). Council members did not want to add a new chair position at this time.

#11 Member Survey- Karen Craven

The member survey was perfected and will be emailed out to members.

#12 New / Old Business

Chemeketan trademark- A volunteer is not available to pursue this proposal at this time.

#13 Review of Action sheet- Action sheet was discussed. Council members are working on and completing proposals. Action will be emailed to council members.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

April Council meeting: April 16th 2014 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Chemekeden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Council Meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Chemekeden.

FOR SALE

Sevylor Super Caravelle 2 person inflatable boat and oars, Like new. \$30 Pat Simila 503-581-5369.

ADS

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

DUE DATES!! Please submit your bulletin articles by the **FIRST** of the preceding month. You snooze, you looze.

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

- **Salem Summit Co.**, 246 State St., Salem, 503-990-7304 - 10% discount.
- **Oregon Mountain Community**, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, 503-227-1038 - 10% discount.
- **The Mountain Shop**, 1510 NE 37th, Portland, 503-288-6768 - Discounts: 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**, 800-923-6207, 8283 11th St. Terrebonne -10% discount.
- **Salem Sports Authority** - Lancaster Mall, Salem. 15% off entire purchase on first Monday of each month at outdoors register. .

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 (Mike Pennington) or 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 15th.



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.

Thursday, May 1, 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, May 1, 6:00 p.m., ORCHARD HEIGHTS LOOP - WEST SALEM

JANET ADKINS 503-399-9382

Join us for an evening walk in the West Salem Hills – we will get some great views, weather permitting, and have a good workout. Meet us by the tennis courts at Orchard Heights Park (on the right a few blocks up Orchard Heights Road). This will be your chance to see our new West Salem schools up close, plus two small parks you may not have seen. We will be walking through quiet neighborhoods on sidewalks, but this will involve chugging up some steep hills. We plan to order pizza for anyone who wants to join us back at the Adkins' after the walk – just a couple blocks from the park. No need to pre-register. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, dist 5 miles.

Friday, May 2, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385

New Hikes in NW Oregon - Hiking guru William L. Sullivan takes us on a slide show tour of new and changed trails he discovered for the new fourth edition of "100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington" released in April 2013. We'll find a hidden lake at Mt. Adams, hike to a wildflower hill above Hood River, explore a new path to Fish Creek Mountain, and see what's been changed by the fires at Mt. Hood. As always, expect anecdotes about geology, history, and wildlife along the way.

Saturday, May 3, INTERMEDIATE SNOW SKILLS CLINIC * MIKE NIEMEYER

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

Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m., MARYS PEAK HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160

We will begin at Conner's Camp, hike through some beautiful old growth forest with intermittent views of the valley and have lunch on the open meadow of the peak. With a bit of luck there will be views of the Cascade Peaks and the Pacific. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 110 miles, HIKE dist 5 miles, Elev. 1250 feet.

Saturday, May 3, ANGELS REST HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605

Angles Rest provides a lovely, rocky viewpoint overlooking the Columbia Gorge. The trail is rocky in places but will provide us with some nice flower surprises. If the day is fine and the group willing, we can spot a car and add another 2 1/2 miles to Wahkeena Falls. Contact me at mcolemanj@gmail.com for plans. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 155 miles, HIKE dist 4.4 miles, Elev. 1500 feet.

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK WALK LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641

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

Sunday, May 4, MT HOOD, SOUTH SIDE S1 CLIMB SCOTT PHILLIPS

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

Sunday, May 4, RPR, 8:00 a.m., EAGLE CREEK HIKE BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606

This is a nice spring trip to the Columbia Gorge. The trail has some exposure and some parts are muddy. We will have our lunch by Tunnel Falls. Let's hope for nice weather. Moderate pace. RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 150 miles, HIKE dist 12 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

Sunday, May 4, ROOSTER ROCK HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385

Join us for a spring conditioning hike to Rooster Rock which is east of Sweet Home in the Menagerie Wilderness. We'll start on the Trout Creek trail that climbs at a steady grade through Douglas fir forest with lush undergrowth. The last half mile is a steeper climb, but we can take it easy and enjoy our surroundings on the way. From the top one can see the entire South Santiam canyon as well as a bit of the Sisters. The trail was free of snow at the end of March, so we may see rhododendrons blooming by early May. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 150 miles, HIKE dist 6.6 miles, Elev. 2300 feet.

Sunday, May 4, LITTER PICKUP

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

I hope you will be available to help me clean up Hwy 22 near the cabin for 1/2 day. We clean up the sides of the highway and then eat lunch at Whispering Falls campground. Many hands make light work, and I have tools to help. Hike dist 2 miles.

Monday, May 5, RPR, 8:00 a.m., WAHKEENA TO MULTNOMAH FALLS LOOP HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: JANET ADKINS 503-399-9382

This loop hike involves some steep grades but has a high reward-to-effort ratio: numerous waterfalls, as well as remarkable stonework, rock walls, and overhangs. We start up narrow Wahkeena Canyon and cross over to upper Multnomah Creek with Columbia River views as we go. A weekday will be good for this popular hike. Good boots and probably a pole will be necessary for slippery trail sections. Pre-register at janetadkins@gmail.com. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 158 miles, HIKE dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 1600 feet.

Monday, May 5, MISSION LAKE OR MINTO-BROWN SLOUGH PADDLE

PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765

All paddlers must register with leader. Our usual warm-up on Mission Lake at Willamette Mission State Park could be as good as usual: relaxing, easy pace, a warm-up for later trips. Meeting place will be FMN, or, depending on water levels and the wishes of the group, we might do the Minto-Brown Slough. I will check ahead of time to make sure we could get under the bridge to do the whole length, making it worthwhile time-wise. Meet at parking lot 3 at the end of the road. For either trip you MUST HAVE: properly fitting life jacket with whistle attached and an AIS permit if your craft is over 10' in length. Lunch, of course, for either trip even though the distance seems short. Beginners welcome. Slow pace.

Monday, May 5, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

Tuesday, May 6, 8:00 a.m., CAPE MEARES AREA HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: DIANE CLAYTON 503-585-9548

Pre-register by email by Thursday May 1. See roster for address. We will do a leisurely walk to see the Cape Meares lighthouse, Octopus tree, and Big Spruce. Then we will travel to Oceanside to view Three Arch Rocks and take a walk on the beach. We will finish up at the Tillamook Cheese Factory for a treat. Dress for the weather. Bring lunch and water. Leader will meet group at the Cheese Factory. Meet to carpool at SAF. Slow pace. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 120 miles, HIKE dist 3 miles, Elev.

Tuesday, May 6, 8:00 a.m., MCKENZIE RIVER TRAIL HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929

Which section of the McKenzie River Trail we hike may depend on snow level and trail closures. If we can spot a car at Trailbridge Reservoir, we can hike downstream past Sahalie and Koosah Falls and the incredible Tamolich Pool. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles.

Wednesday, May 7, 9:00 a.m., VALLEY OF THE GIANTS HIKE, PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL CALDWELL 503-385-6494

Visit an old growth forest along 1.3 mile loop trail including Big Guy. Trip includes 60 miles on scenic gravel roads (slow). To and from time is about three hours. Bring a lunch and rain gear (the area has a high rain fall average). Short steep sloped trail

from the parking lot to the bridge.. We may stop at the Fall City Falls on the way back. Slow pace. RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 115 miles, HIKE dist 1.3 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Wednesday, May 7, 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, May 7, MACLEAY AREA EVENING WALK

PRE-REG W/LDR: SHARON WRIGHT

Join members for an evening walk in the historic Macleay area east of Salem. Length and route will depend on weather conditions. The Macleay store and inn are available for refreshments before or after. Contact leader (contact information in roster) for details. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 15 miles.

Thursday, May 8, CENTER 50+ LUNCH

LEE SLATTUM

See May 1 write-up.

Thursday, May 8, 6:00 p.m., SECOND THURSDAY PIZZA

ROGER MONETTE

Treat yourself again to a Northwest legend at Abby's Legendary Pizza in beautiful Keizer on 3451 River Road North. Not only is pizza served with a variety of beverages, but hot sandwiches and cold deli-style sandwiches are available. The salad bar is also an option.

Saturday, May 10, REED COLLEGE URBAN HIKE

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

We'll start off with Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens and then hike through Reed Canyon and then some residential areas before heading back to campus. We will visit the art museum if it is open and then on to lunch at Laughing Planet. After lunch we will drive into the Sellwood district to visit the Columbia Sportswear Outlet and Share-It-Square. Maybe some Tillamook ice cream on the way home. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 100 miles, HIKE dist 6 miles, Elev. 100 feet.

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK WALK

LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641

See May 3 write-up.

Monday, May 12, 9:00 a.m., CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867

We'll start by exploring a small corner of the Eastmoreland neighborhood. Then we'll take a tour of the Reed College campus including Reed Lake and its surrounding wetlands. We'll have lunch at the Reed cafeteria and then finish our day at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Mid-May should be great time to visit the gardens since it's the peak bloom time for many of their plants. Admission to the garden is \$4 so please bring that, in addition to money for lunch. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 90 miles, HIKE dist 3 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Monday, May 12, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

**Tuesday, May 13, MONUMENT PEAK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

Let's explore the new Monument Peak trails in the Santiam State Forest near Gates. We will hike about 8 to 10 miles on trails and old forest roads through mixed forest. We likely will see some forest wildflowers, but no horses, as they are not allowed on the trails until Memorial Day. Leader has not scouted the trail, but has a map. Wear boots for possible muddy conditions. We will stop at Rosie's for refreshments after our hike. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 63 miles, HIKE dist 8 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Tuesday, May 13, FISH LAKE PADDLE
PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

All paddlers must register with leader. May is the only good time to paddle on Fish Lake. By summer it begins to turn into a meadow, and soon the cows will be grazing there. Where is it? Up the North Santiam, south on the Clear Lake cut-off road. It is a fair-sized lake, so you must have previous experience with your craft. A properly fitting life jacket with a whistle attached is required! Also, an AIS permit if your boat is over 10' long. Hope for a sunny day with little wind. We'll eat lunch, of course, while on the water. Slow pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 130 miles.

**Tuesday, May 13, DEN, INTRO TO SPORT CLIMB
CLASSROOM SESSION R1* CLIMB- SCOTT PHILLIPS**

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

**Wednesday, May 14, LARCH MT. CRATER HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

We will go to see (I hope.) masses of avalanche lilies along the trail, and the view of Mt. Hood from the top of Sherrard Point. This is a great hike through the forest with wonderful sights to see. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, HIKE dist 6.4 miles, Elev. 1300 feet.

**Wednesday, May 14, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325** See May 7 write-up.

**Wednesday, May 14, PAR, 5:00 p.m., HALLS RIDGE TRAIL
CLIMB TRAINING HIKE - MARY WANDELL 503-798-7937**

Halls Ridge Trail is east of Detroit Dam on Hwy 22. The terrain is wooded and very steep; excellent for getting into shape for mountain climbing. Everyone will be encouraged to go at their own pace. Beginners are welcome to come, however be mentally prepared for a grueling workout. There is limited parking along Hwy 22, so carpooling is recommended. We will meet at the parking lot near the state motor pool on Airport Rd (between State Street and Mission) and figure out carpool arrangements there.

**Thursday, May 15, CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM,** See May 1 write-up.

**Thursday, May 15, 6:00 p.m., BUSH PARK/DEEPWOOD
HIKE - JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615**

We will walk through Bush Park and Deepwood. Meet at the bottom of the Soapbox Derby Track in Bush Park. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY, HIKE dist 4 miles,

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

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

**Saturday-Sunday, May 17-May 18, INTRO TO SPORT
CLIMBING @ SMITH ROCK R1***

SCOTT PHILLIPS Refer to the Climbers page at
<http://www.chemeketans.org/climbing.asp/>

**Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m., SILVER FALLS
BACKCOUNTRY CAMP WORK PARTY & EXPLORATION
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 four 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.

**Saturday, May 17, 8:00 a.m., IRON MOUNTAIN, CONE
PEAK HIKE, PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

It may be a little early for this loop but it has been a light snow year so wear your good boots. There will not be wildflowers yet but the views and the hike itself are still worth the trouble. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 240 miles, HIKE dist 6.6 miles, Elev. 1900 feet.

**Saturday, May 17, EUGENE URBAN HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612**

First we will explore the Masonic Cemetery and then walk uphill through a residential area to Hendricks park and through the rhododendron gardens. We will then walk down to and through the U of O campus. Lunch will be somewhere along the way or possibly out of the way before we head back to the cars. Limited to 10 hikers. Actual mileage may vary from year to year. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Saturday, May 17, SKM, 8:00 a.m., SWEET CREEK FALLS
HIKE, MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767**

When I first heard of this trail I wondered how interesting a creek could be that close to the Ocean. This creek flows into the Siuslaw River near the town of Mapleton. I was definitely wrong about the creek not being interesting. It is a spectacular, narrow canyon with shear walls. In a couple of spots the hiking trail actually is a metal platform bolted into the side of the canyon. There are several small falls and rapids and then the larger falls at the mid-way point. We can also drive a short ways and see another falls on Beaver Creek. It should be extra green in May with wildflowers in abundance. Slow pace to see all the wonder. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 200 miles, HIKE dist 5.2 miles, Elev. 650 feet.

**Saturday, May 17, 8:30 a.m., ROW RIVER TRAIL - BIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK JORGENSEN 503-949-3739**

We will meet in Salem then drive south to Cottage Grove with our bikes and bicycle a fantastic Rail-to-Trail. This paved trail features a lake, nice views, a mix of forest, and open meadows. Bring a lunch, we'll stop at one of the nice picnic areas. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, BIKE dist 24 miles.

**Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK WALK
LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641,** See May 3 write-up.

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 a.m., MT. HEBO PIONEER AND INDIAN TRAIL HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: FRANCA HERNANDEZ

Please refer to the roster for my telephone number and email address. We'll start at the Hebo Lake trailhead and head up Mt. Hebo. The walk will take us through Sitka spruce and then a reforestation project of Douglas fir and eventually to mountain meadows. Mt. Hebo (3175') is second only to Marys Peak in elevation in the Coast range. Pioneers and Indians once used this trail as the easiest trek to the coast from the Valley. Wear sturdy hiking boots, bring water, a meal and rain gear. If the group wants, after the hike we'll stop at an eatery/deli for a snack. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 112 miles, HIKE dist 8 miles, Elev. 1500 feet

Sunday, May 18, WILDCAT MOUNTAIN HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719

If our timing is right and the weather is clear, we should have rhododendrons and beargrass blooming and excellent views of Mt. Hood. If not, bring your raincoat. In either case, bring your lunch, water and a smile. We will stop for a little something on the way home. Please pre-register with leader at cooperrm50@gmail.com. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 190 miles, HIKE dist 10 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

Monday, May 19, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

Tuesday, May 20, 8:00 a.m., ALSEA FALLS & DENSITY MANAGEMENT HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL CALDWELL 503-385-6494

This hike will begin at Alsea Falls on the Alsea River. From Alsea Falls we will hike or drive to McBee Park down river then make a short hike to Peak Creek Falls. After lunch, we will drive to a nearby completed BLM density management (thinning) area for wildlife. We will walk or drive logging roads for a mile or two within the management area viewing the density treatments for wildlife. The trail and management area have not been scouted, but the leader is very familiar with the area. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 140 miles, HIKE dist 4 miles, Elev. 300 feet.

Wednesday, May 21, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325, See May 7 write-up.

Wednesday, May 21, 3:00 p.m., BELCREST MEMORIAL PARK HIKE, LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

At over 50 acres, this cemetery in a park-like setting with five interconnected loops will make for an interesting urban afternoon hike. Dan Mung will help us identify the wide array of numerous native trees and the exotic ones. Bring your binoculars, if you wish, for some light birding along the way. We may also walk between some early rows of flat headstones, looking at names and dates. Afterwards, we will consider seeking out a nearby eatery for some quick refreshment. Belcrest Memorial Park is located at 1295 Browning Ave. S., west of Liberty Rd. S. We will park near the office. Slow pace. HIKE dist 1.5 miles.

Thursday, May 22, 8:30 a.m., HENLINE FALLS DAWDLER HIKE, PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765

A delightful hike through the woods, off the Little North Fork Road, arriving at a beautiful 120-foot waterfall in its own cul-de-sac. Wildflowers should be in bloom along the way. Slow pace. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 80 miles, HIKE dist 2 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Thursday, May 22, CENTER 50+ LUNCH LEE SLATTUM, See May 1 write-up.

Thursday, May 22, DEN, 7:00 p.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.

Friday-Sunday, May 23-May 25, VANTAGE OR CALLAHANS R1/R2 CLIMB -VINCENT DUNN

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

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

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

Saturday, May 24, 7:00 a.m., DOG MOUNTAIN HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615

The meadow wildflowers should be in full display near the top of Dog Mountain in the Gorge. There are some steep sections on this hike. Plan for all possible weather conditions. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 170 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 2800 feet.

Saturday, May 24, SKM, 8:00 a.m., LITTLE NORTH FORK HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: VIVIENNE TORGESON 503-859-2211

Join me for a lovely spring hike alongside the Little North Fork Santiam. The elevation comes primarily in one climb early on. There are footbridges to cross and likely mud along the trail. Call to pre-register then carpool from SKM and meet me at the trailhead. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 70 miles, HIKE dist 9 miles, Elev. 300 feet.

Saturday, May 24, UPPER SALMONBERRY RIVER HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: NANCY ROCKWELL 503-508-2941

We will hike along an abandoned railway grade that follows the Upper Salmonberry River through the Coast Range. The roadbed crosses several trestles and goes through two tunnels. Headlamps are required! The weather may be fair or foul. Come prepared for both. Time permitting we will stop for post-hike refreshments. Please register with leader at rockn48@comcast.net Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, HIKE dist 10 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK WALK LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641 - See May 3 write-up.

Sunday, May 25, 8:00 a.m., MARYS PEAK HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315

This will be a loop hike. We'll go up the North Ridge Trail to the summit for lunch and the view. The return route will be on the East Side Trail to the 2005 Road and back to the parking lot. Moderate pace. RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 80 miles, HIKE dist 12 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

Monday, May 26, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

Tuesday, May 27, PAR, 9:00 a.m., SANTIAM CANYON NATURE WALK, STEVE DOUGHERTY 503-566-8899

The President of the Executive Council must lead one Dawdler hike a year. Please join me for a nature walk around our 23 acre property near Mill City. We will try to identify as many trees, plants, insects and wildlife as we can, on our two hour tour. You can arrange carpools at the State Motor Pool Park and Ride at 9 a.m. It's a 35 minute drive to my home: 47368 Lyons-Mill City Drive, Lyons. You can email me for driving directions. Slow pace. RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 70 miles, HIKE dist 2 miles.

Tuesday, May 27, 12:00 p.m., SILVERTON RESERVOIR PADDLE

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

Meet at the Silverton Reservoir at NOON for a leisurely 1 1/2 hour paddle, longer if you like. This is a great paddle if you are a beginner or just want to warm up your paddling muscles. You will need a lifejacket, whistle, 15' tie up rope and AIS Permit if your boat is 10' for longer. There is a \$2/vehicle park fee from Memorial Day - Labor Day. The reservoir has a very nice boat ramp, dock, restrooms and parking. We will not paddle if it's raining...if you are not sure, call me. Slow pace. RATED: EASY.

Wednesday, May 28, MARYS PEAK HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605

We will take the view-filled East Trail from Connors Camp to the summit of the tallest mountain in the Coast Range. The trail is well graded and should provide expansive views and spring flowers. Call or email leader at mcolemanj@gmail.com. Moderate pace. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 110 miles, HIKE dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 1250 feet.

Wednesday, May 28, AUDUBON RESERVE RESTORATION LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325- See May 7 write-up.

Wednesday, May 28, PAR, 5:00 p.m., SARDINE MOUNTAIN TRAIL CLIMB TRAINING HIKE MARY WANDELL 503-798-7937

Sardine Mountain Trail is east of Big Cliff Dam on Hwy 22. The terrain is wooded and very steep; excellent for getting into shape for mountain climbing. Everyone will be encouraged to go at their own pace. Beginners are welcome to come, however be mentally prepared for a grueling workout. There is limited parking along Hwy 22, so carpooling is recommended. We will meet at the parking lot near the state motor pool on Airport Rd (between State Street and Mission) and figure out carpool arrangements there.

Thursday, May 29, CENTER 50+ LUNCH LEE SLATTUM - See May 1 write-up.

Thursday, May 29, 6:00 p.m., MILL RACE AND PRINGLE CREEK EVENING HIKE CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867

Meet at the corner of 20th and Ferry St. SE. We'll start at Mill Race Park where Waller Dam splits Mill Race off of Mill Creek and then head through Willamette University along the Mill Race. We'll follow the Mill Race as it flows through Pringle Plaza and then walk to Riverfront Park to look at where Pringle Creek empties into the Willamette. Then we'll head over to Pringle Park to check out where Pringle Creek and the Shelton Ditch meet. We'll view Pringle Creek again where it flows between Deepwood Estate and Bush Park and then head back to our starting point. No need to pre-register, but feel free to call me with any questions. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 0 miles, HIKE dist 6 miles, Elev. 0 feet.

Friday, May 30, FMN, 9:00 a.m., CHAMPOEG STATE PARK TO BUTTEVILLE HIKE, PAT SIMILA 503-581-5369

A pleasant walk through the forest and along the Willamette River from Champoeg State Park to historic Butteville and the Butteville Store. We can eat our lunch at a table in the backyard or, in case of rain, inside the store. The store should be open for purchase of food and very good ice cream. Meet at the west side of FMN parking lot near Les Schwab. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 50 miles, HIKE dist 5 miles.

Saturday, May 31, 7:30 a.m., RAMONA FALLS LOOP HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: SYLVIA DAWSON & DAVID JACKSON 503-951-1293

This beautiful day hike has it all. The first mile starts out with relatively flat terrain along the Sandy River. After crossing the river we will begin our 1,000 ft. elevation gain. On our way up we will pass through some exposed areas. We will also pass through lush, mossy forests. When we reach our lunch spot at Ramona Falls, you will think of it as an amphitheater. On a warm day the temperature can easily be 20 degrees or so cooler here. The falls are extremely spectacular!... VERY wide and the perfect place for lunch. The hike back on the other side of the loop will be entirely different... more trees, less rocks and of course, more down! Wear hiking boots, hats and bring hiking poles (there are areas that are steep and rocky). Also bring plenty of water, snacks and a lunch. We may stop for a treat on the way home. Moderate pace. RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 175 miles, HIKE dist 7.1 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

Saturday, May 31, ROOSTER ROCK HIKE PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615

We will hike to the Rooster Rock summit, a former fire lookout site, via the Trout Creek trail. This is a great early season hike. Hopefully the rhododendrons will be blooming. Trail is rocky and steep in places, so wear good boots. Trail is in the Menagerie Wilderness and limited to 12 people. Moderate pace. MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 130 miles, HIKE dist 6.6 miles, Elev. 2300 feet.

Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., MINTO-BROWN PARK WALK LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641 - See May 3 write-up.

Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m., SELLWOOD RIVERFRONT PARK "SUMMER SPLASH" & HAWAIIAN DINNER PADDLE PRE-REG W/LDR: LAURELYN SCHELLIN

laurelynschellin@hotmail.com

Next Adventure of Portland is hosting their free 4th annual kayak "Summer Splash" at Sellwood Riverfront Park on the Willamette River. Over 100 kayaks and paddle equipment will be provided for free paddling from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity to try out all types of kayaks: sit-on-top, recreational, fishing, touring, tandem, inflatable, kid's kayaks and also the newest fad, stand-up paddleboards. Over 20 vendors will be available to help with instruction. Beginners welcome. No previous experience or equipment required. Come dressed to paddle and bring a lunch. Meet 9 a.m. at Salem Center St. Safeway parking lot, west side. Portland area paddlers can meet us at Sellwood Riverfront Park boat dock, just north of Portland's Sellwood bridge. Dinner afterwards is at the nearby Bamboo Grove Hawaiian Grille, 0510 SW Carolina St., Portland. Come join us for a fun day! RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 80 miles.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

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

Friday-Sunday, June 13-June 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 rendezvous 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 2pm, 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 13-June 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 p.m. check in at Campground. Sat-Ash Slough Paddle. Sun - check out 1 pm. This is the Western Bluebird weekend at Champog. There's birding, a four mile paved bike, walk, run path. We have reserved spaces for two more rvs/trailers & 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 20-June 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 who are 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 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-August 30, 2014 CANYON DE CHELLY, 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.

WE WERE THERE

Darrow Bar Greenway, March 6

Stormy morning, but the wind let up and we decided to go. Hiking to the first view of the Willamette, we were well aware of the extremely high river level. On the third trail extension, we were able to get almost to river level. When last there, we leaned on a huge downed tree, at least 10 yards from the river. Today, this tree is about 20 yards out into the river. Another downed tree had been across this first one in such a way that Robert was able to get under it easily to explore beyond. Today the underside of this tree was barely above the water. We couldn't even get next to it. On the return, we saw many trillium in bloom, some daffodils just starting, some unidentified bush starting to bud, and, finally, we heard the raucous call of some out-of-sight bird. We needed someone to ID it. Hikers were leader Paula Hyatt, Pat Simila and Marcie Heald.

Lyons City Park, March 12

Wood ducks and pond turtles greeted our cheerful group of four at the Lyons City Park and adjacent John Neal Memorial Park. We strolled for a couple of hours under clear blue skies around the ponds and beaver dams at the parks before heading to Trexler Farms for lunch and bluegrass. Hikers: Mary Coleman, Sharon Wright, Bev Hassell and Linda Willnow (leader).

Cascade Head, March 15

We had a cool, overcast day for the hike, but the weather held off until we reached the top and were able to take in the view. The wind picked up and we had our snack in the woods behind the summit. The weather finally closed in as we returned to the parking lot. A warm meal was enjoyed by all at the Otis Cafe. Participants were Nanci Chambers, Helen Wang, Rosamund Irwin, Emily Wiczorek, Marcia Hoak and leader Bill Wylie.

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