

Tilly Jane A-Frame work weekend crowd

Thank you goes to those that attended the annual Tilly Jane A-Frame work weekend, Saturday, October 3 all

Andr  Fortin



80 of them. Here is a list of what was accomplished: removed accumulated wood debris within the alcove pulling it away from the cabin walls, carted and hauled five cords of wood from the Tilly Jane campground over to the cabin, split and stacked one cord of wood for the outdoor fire ring and removed the accumulated ash, removed and restacked the slash piles from the earlier hazard tree removal project; began the process of bucking the downed trees with the goal of using this wood next year, completed the standard cabin maintenance activities (checking smoke detectors, etc), performed a deeper cleaning of the cabin interior including window cleaning, rebuilt the woodstove door (replaced all gaskets and attempted to fix the door handle), gathered new outhouse organic compost material, and

some of us helped with the Tilly Jane Guard Station wood supply (stacked 4 cords of wood)

Along with the potluck lunch, this year's event included beverages donated by Base Camp Brewing out of Portland and each volunteer was entered into a small raffle held after lunch. T-Shirts, gift certificates and even two all-day lift tickets were given away. Raffle donations were provided by Mt. Hood Meadows, Solera Brewing, Crooked Tree Tavern, Double Mountain Brewery, Base Camp Brewing and the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter.

This is a tremendous amount of work. It comes back to the fact that we had such a fantastic turnout with over 80 people in attendance! This allowed us to complete the work quickly, which ultimately provided for hiking opportunities or the chance to catch up with folks you may not have seen in a while. **Let's keep this momentum going into the future.** Please consider coming and helping next year!

Andr  Fortin, *Tilly Jane A-Frame*

The Oregon Nordic Club State Organization

As members of the Portland chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, you probably have not heard much about the State Organization. Here is a thumbnail sketch.

The Oregon Nordic Club State Organization (ONC), consists of about ten local chapters. They hold the non-profit certificate, provide the State website (onc.org) with links to the local chapters, and cover the chapters' liability insurance. They are the official spokespeople for the ONC. They coordinate the annual organization of the John Craig Race/Tour/Mail Carry over McKenzie Pass, to commemorate the death of John Craig, a mail carrier who died on his first attempt to deliver the mail across the mountains in 1877. The ONC is the official mouthpiece for cross-country skiing in Oregon. A portion of our dues go to the insurance and other expenses of the ONC. We have two voting members on the State Board. The ONC is critical to our continued existence.

In the past, there was considerable involvement with the other chapters. When you were in another part of the Oregon, you could make contact with other skiers to find out about trails and conditions. You could often ski with other chapter members (and sometimes stay with them). We were a very friendly group. We got together for state board meetings. But with the lack of snow in the past few years, the ONC has not been very active and attendance has been low.

On behalf of the Portland Chapter, Eleanor Heinrich and I attended the fall meeting in Salem last Saturday, where we elected new officers, learned what was happening with each chapter, and began to make plans for this year's John Craig. Since it appeared that few members know about the ONC, we decided to try to improve the communications among the local chapters. Members of other chapters are welcome on ONC-PDX overnight trips; we are welcome to join them with their activities.

Take a few minutes to explore the other chapters of the ONC (onc.org) and make a point to become involved with others skiers outside our local Portland chapter. There will be more news about the ONC in the future. ◆

Ted Scheinman, *Overnight Trip Coordinator and Past President*

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

November 3 ▶ TUESDAY

Northwest Winter Hiking Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com (store events)

November 7 and 8 ▶ SAT & SUN

Preseason Nordic Festival

10:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sat and
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sun.
The Mountain Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.,
with Nordic clubs/ski areas sponsoring free clinics.
Info: mountainshop.net

November 9 ▶ MONDAY

NWSCC Ski Fair

6:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Portland Airport,
8439 NE Columbia Blvd Free!
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nwskiers.org

November 10 ▶ TUESDAY

TBD Program info will be sent out by email with the newsletter

6:30 p.m. – Social hour
7:30 p.m. – Meeting and Program
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company,
1945 NW Quimby St.

November 17 ▶ TUESDAY

Northwest Winter Hiking Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Hillsboro REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com (store events)

November 3 ▶ TUESDAY

Avalanche Awareness

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com (store events)

Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational cross-country skiing, the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club grew to over 550 members. The Portland Chapter is one of twelve chapters in the state. With activities year round, the Portland Chapter is dedicated to promoting greater participation in and understanding of the value of outdoor recreation with an emphasis on Nordic and backcountry skiing. In addition we hike, climb, backpack and bicycle year round in the northwest forests, mountains, and in town.

Clinics & Training

Nov 7 ▶ SATURDAY

2015 Fall XC Training Portland, OR

Saturday, November 7, 9:30 a.m. Mt. Tabor Park
Check the websites for updates for this year's conditioning sessions for XC skiers of all abilities.
Info: www.xcoregon.org teacupnordic.org
Sponsored by: Oregon Nordic Club Teacup Chapter and XC Oregon Race Team

December 3–13 ▶ THUR–SUNDAY

2015 Oregon Fall Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Training lectures, wax clinics, and video review socials will be held twice over the camp period. Campers can attend any of those programs regardless of whether or not you ski that morning. Designed specifically for adult XC skiers and racers with skills anywhere from low intermediate to expert.

Registration and Info: xcoregon.org

Dec TBD ▶ TUE Jan ▶ SATS & SUNS Mazamas Nordic Ski School

Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Telemark and Backcountry classes offered during four weekends in January. Info: www.mazamas.org (Education + Classes/Nordic Ski School)

Jan ▶ TBD Jan/Feb ▶ SATS & SUNS ONC Ski Clinic (in-town) and Free Snow Sessions

In-town Ski Clinic is for beginning skiers (evening session in Portland) January TBD, \$20.
Two on-the-snow session: Saturdays Feb. 6 and Feb 13 or Sundays Feb. 7 and 14, free for ONC-PDX members who attend the in-town Ski Clinic. Info: oncnewsletter@gmail.com

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see sidebar on page 10)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane A-Frame weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support of construction and maintenance of winter trails in the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: www.nwskiers.org www.fwsa.org www.federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$27 for single, \$33 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: **oncmembership@gmail.com**

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

At the Overnight Trip Sign-up “Extrava-

ganza” on October 13, my guesstimate is that at least fifty to sixty people attended. The room was packed with ONC-PDX members hoping to get on their trip(s) of choice—from a healthy menu of options ranging from rustic back country hut to hut trip in the Three Sisters area to cozy, well appointed cabins at Lake Creek Lodge in Camp Sherman. Some trips filled up immediately: New Year’s at Methow Valley, Washington, for one.

It was great to see such a good turn out, but I did wonder why so many members take advantage of our club’s robust skiing opportunities, yet so few come forward to volunteer by leading a day tour or serve on a committee. Okay, you’re right, my intent here is to prey on your sense of guilt. Right now, a cadre of a few volunteers serve on the board, the overnight steering committee, the day tour committee, and the membership committee. The lion’s share of the organizational work is done by, perhaps no more than a dozen people. If more volunteers were to surface, we could share that workload and lighten the load of the few.

Besides relieving your sense of guilt, volunteering provides other bonuses: interesting challenges, an expanded network of friends, a sense of purpose and belonging, and an occasional free dinner! So, answer the call and commit a small portion of your time and energy to the club that has provided so many skiing opportunities.

If you have questions or wonder what a volunteer position entails, call or email one of the following people: Ann Truax, Board President; Ted Scheinman, Overnight Trip Coordinator; Scott Diamond, Day Tours; Kim Davis, Publicity; Susan Kelly, Membership; Pam Rigor, Newsletter and Nordic Issues; Trail Maintenance, Ken Wenzel; Tilly Jane, Andre Fortin. (Emails and telephone numbers are available in the newsletter.)

Speaking of volunteers, November is our volunteer appreciation month. Part of our November meeting will be devoted to honoring those who have given back to the club. This club relies on volunteers. Without them, the club wouldn’t survive. ◆

Ann Truax, *President*

Thanks for volunteering

Thank you to all that helped out with this

year’s trail tending. Fantastic job! We had five days of trail work this summer. I am just amazed at the trail system ONC-PDX has built over the years. Everywhere I go I see blue diamonds and trails that ONC-PDX has cleared and brushed in the past.

This year it was hard to get people to step up and help work on our trails, perhaps it was the heat. With the low snow year last season people were not thinking about skiing as much.

We add another ski trail on June 20 at Trillium Lake—named the Trillium Lake Bike and Ski Trail. Work was done by two Forest Service workers, Marc Leon, Debby Wenzel, and Ken Wenzel. The trail was there, but we added blue diamonds and cleared brush making it a little wider.

On July 11 a work party met at the Tilly A-Frame, repaired the cabin and overhauled the connecting trail getting it ready for the wood haul work party in October. We removing rocks, added water bars, and graded the trail.

We were in the Trillium area on August 8 working on the Red Top Meadow Trail, brushing and adding diamonds. This trail start at Trillium Lake Sno-Park, goes down the hill creating a loop option for skiers and snowshoers. Laurel Dickie, David Rogers, Julie Pohl,

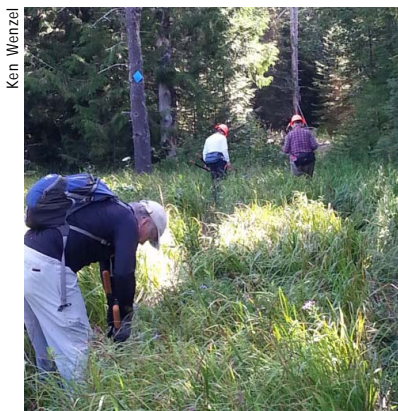
Patrice Fromwiller, John Fromwiller, Debby Wenzel, and Ken Wenzel were the trail tenders.

September 19 we worked on the Oldman Pass Loop Trail, the Scenic Loop and the Hard Time Loop Connector Trail in the Wind River area of Washington. The trail tenders were Tere Enburg, Joseph Lucas, John Fromwiller, Patrice Fromwiller, Debby Wenzel, and Ken Wenzel.

On September 27 we were back on at Mt. Hood on the West Leg Road Bypass Trail, the Camp Creek Connector Trail, and the Alpine Trail. Marc Leon, Joseph Lucas, Bill Yaeger, and Ken Wenzel spent the day improving the trails.

Thank you, everyone! I can’t wait to get out and ski these trail now. ◆

Ken Wenzel, *Trail Tending Coordinator*



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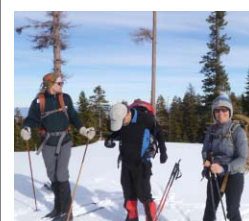
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Ochoco Mountains



DAY TOUR POLICIES

Tours depart promptly; arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time to allow for necessary arrangements. Arrive fully prepared for the day's activities!

Trips are not canceled unless the weather and road conditions are unsafe; contact the leader when conditions are dangerous. Tour leaders may change tour itinerary, due to weather conditions.

Bring the Tour Essentials (see list on the sidebar, page 6), food, water, map, clothing, and equipment appropriate for the tour.

Tour leaders can forbid you from joining a tour, if you are not prepared. Read and heed the Oregon Nordic Club's Tour Ratings listed below.

Day tour participants are encouraged to car pool and share costs. The suggested contribution by each passenger is 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Dogs are only allowed on "Dog Tours." These trips are designated with:  See website for dog policy for ski tours.

Dogs must be on a leash in sno-parks. Please keep dogs off ski tracks and pack out dog waste.

TOUR RATINGS

These designations are a guide to the skill and commitment level required for each tour. A full trip rating always includes a terrain rating plus a

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DAY TOURS

Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please confirm tour with the leader.

Check website (onc-pdx.org) and/or our Meetup site (www.meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter) for more tours.

A wet Siouxon Creek hike

The rain held off until mid-day on Saturday

October 10 hike, then came down heavy for a while. The forest was lush with mushrooms sprouting everywhere. The creek was low, but the water falls were still running. ♦



Pam Rigor

Indian Heaven fall colors

The reddish purple huckleberry leaves

were on the ground, blown off by the rain and wind the previous weekend, but the stems had a hint of purple. Giant mushrooms were here and there along with round bumpy ones. The lakes were clear as ever, but the water was lower than normal. We sighted an eagle as we made the loop back to Junction Lake. It was quiet Wednesday and only three other hikers were out that day. ♦



Pam Rigor

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ♦ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership before signing up. Memberships can be renewed on the website or by paper application available on our website Membership under Member Resources/Forms (mail to club P.O. Box, not to leader).
- ♦ Contact the leader with any questions you have. Do my skills fit the trip? Any special requirements or gear? Travel time?
- ♦ Read the overnight trip policies (see sidebars)!
- ♦ Sign up early so we'll have enough people cover trip costs: sign-ups can be made on the website (onc-pdx.org/activities/overnight-trips) or fill out an overnight trip application and mail it with your trip fee to the trip leader (make checks payable to ONC-Portland Chapter).
- ♦ If the trip is full, join the waiting list by sending your overnight trip application and trip fee to the leader (your fee will be returned, if you do not go). Last minute openings do occur!
- ♦ Purchase trip insurance. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place if you cancel. A web link for travel insurance is on the overnight trip application form on the web, or contact the trip leader or overnight trip coordinator.

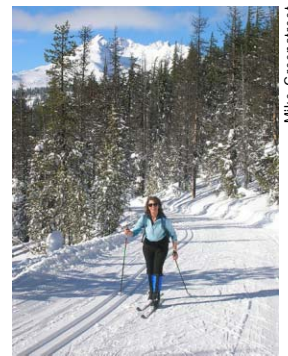
Nov 25–29, Wed–Sun, All Abilities Ski/Hike/Feast Thanksgiving in Sunriver, OR—an ONC-PDX Tradition Trip full, waiting list open*

Join the ONC-PDX for our traditional trip to launch the ski season, and in honor of global warming, perhaps the winter hiking season depending upon the weather. We

expect that most of the Nordic Center trails and backcountry trails will be skiable, however, prepare for a multi-sport trip including hikes and bikes. People who bring bikes can cruise the paved trails at Sunriver or ride the rural roads around it. Thursday we'll feast on the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Wednesday evening we'll start our four-night stay. Each evening we'll decide what people are interested in doing and organize ourselves accordingly—carpooling to the mountain or trailheads and sharing potluck dinners. Non-skiing options include cycling, walking the bike paths in Sunriver, visiting the High Desert Museum, the bookstore, crafts fair, or the observatory (if it's open). Skiers and hikers should bring maps and ideas. This trip has historically been relaxed, with some folks desiring to stroll, read, hang out, or catch up with each other, as well as to ski

***Check website for trip status updates**



Mike Greenstreet

(walk, hike or bike). Join us. Maps of Swampy Lakes, Dutchman Flat Area, Edison Butte and the Newberry Crater Areas are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/winter/wintermaps.shtml>

Trip limit: 8 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$215 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes four nights lodging.

Send your ONC-PDX overnight tour application and check for \$215 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the leader Elke Schoen, 1533 SE Lexington St., Portland, OR 97202. For more info contact Elke at 503.239.9286 elkeschoen@msn.com.

Dec 28–Jan 2, Mon–Sat, All Ability Skate/Track Ski New Year's at Methow Valley, WA
Trip full, 1 on waiting list*

Methow Valley is an outstanding, unique area that is ideally suited for both classic track skiing and skate skiing. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 kilometers of trail through the communities of Winthrop and Mazama. Trail elevations range from 2,000 to 4,000 feet. The snow conditions and trail quality makes the Methow Valley a skate skiers Mecca. The fires in the area did not affect the Methow Valley trails; they are ready for our visit!

We'll stay in luxury condominiums in Winthrop with full accommodations. Plan for potluck dinners that we prepare in the fully equipped kitchens. Restaurants are always an option and are within skiing distance along with grocery and convenience stores.

Want to learning skate skiing? Lessons are available at Sun Mountain and in Mazama. In the past, several skate skier liked their newly learned skill so much they decided to keep the rented skate skis for the entire trip. Speaking of skating, there is even an ice skating rink in town.

Trip limit: 12 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$250 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes five nights lodging (\$57–\$76 groomed trail pass not included).

Send your ONC-PDX Overnight Tour application with check for \$250 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Mike Faden, 33 NE San Rafael St., Portland, OR 97212. For more info contact Mike at 503.284.6315 mikefaden@gmail.com.

Dec 30–Jan 3, Wed–Sun, All Ability Ski New Year's at Black Butte, OR
5 spaces available*

Celebrate the New Year in the peaceful setting of Black Butte Ranch. No loud, inebriated parties here. Instead, settle in by the fire with a congenial group of Nordic skiers and enjoy good food, wine and interesting conversations after an invigorating day in the outdoors. This Central Oregon location is close to skiing on Santiam Pass and the Three Creeks area near Sisters. Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, which boasts access to prime backcountry skiing as well as groomed trails, is only 32 miles away. If the snowpack is low, hiking is always an option—from the panoramic

Bob Brievoegel



Smith Rocks to along the Metolius River, where otters play in its clear waters. Amenities at Black Butte include a hot tub and swimming pool at the Glaze Meadow recreation center, a short walk from our rental. For those who want to take a break from outdoor activities, the historic town of Sisters with its restaurants, bakery, bookstore and various shops is close by. This trip is sure to appeal to everyone who wants to relax and escape the humdrum of daily life.

Trip limit: 10 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$245 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes four nights of lodging.

Send your ONC-PDX overnight tour application and a check for \$245 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter to the leader, Ann Truax, 2824 SE 25th Ave., Portland 97202. For more info contact Ann at 503.756.2291 ann.truax@gmail.com.

Jan 8–10, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Ochoco Mountains, OR—Trip 1
3 spaces available*

We will ski in the Ochoco Mountains about 30 miles east of Prineville in a relatively remote area of Oregon to take advantage of the dry snow and wonderful views. For two nights we will stay in a former forest ranger cabin with three bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms. It has electric heat and water but no cell reception!

Trip Limit: 7 participants, including the leader.
Cost: \$35 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes two nights lodging.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$35 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Ken Wenzel, 10322 NW Alpenglow Way, Portland, OR 97229. For info contact Ken at 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com.

Jan 8–10, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame, Mt. Hood, OR
This trip is also available: February 12–14, March 11–13, and April 8–10

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the A-Frame at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced

Kevin McGillivray



***Check website for trip status updates**

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mileage rating, to help you better select the right tour for your ability and inclination. Please consider your physical conditioning and your equipment when deciding to go on a tour. Match the tour level to your ability for your physical safety and comfort, and the safety and comfort of other participants on the tour. If you are in any doubt about the rating of a tour, please call the tour leader before the day of the tour.

Novice Ski Tour
These tours are for the inexperienced skiers. While this is not a lesson, the leader will help new skiers as much as possible. Tour length is 3–5 miles over nearly flat terrain.

Easy Tour
Ski: 4–6 miles over gentle terrain at a pace comfortable for all participants.

Bike: Mostly flat terrain, 8–10 m.p.h. pace, frequent regrouping.

Hike: < 8 miles; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.
Backpack: < 5 miles/day; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Intermediate Tour
Ski: 6–12 miles. Terrain flat to long hills that are no steeper than found on a road (maximum 10 degrees). Moderate pace. Trail turning skills required, if there are hills. Consult tour description for specifics.

Bike: Moderate terrain with rolling hill (some short steep hills); 10–14 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when appropriate.

Hike: 8–10 miles; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elev. gain.
Backpack: 5–7 miles per day; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Advanced Tour
Ski: > 12 miles. Terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees). Moderate to fast pace. Strong turning skills required on the tours with steeper slopes.

Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace,

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regrouping when necessary.

Hike: > 10 miles; 400 ft. per mile elevation gain. Steady pace and/or difficult terrain (a workout). **Backpack:** > 7 miles/day; 400–600 ft./mile elevation gain.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Pack these essentials on any ONC activity, “just in case.” Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet. Choose wool or synthetics like polypro or Capilene® for warmth and comfort.

Skiing & Hiking Essentials

- First aid kit
- Matches (in waterproof case) and fire starter
- Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater
- Extra food and water
- Plastic whistle
- Map and compass (know how to use)
- Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb
- Space blanket or bivy bag
- Pocket knife
- Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper)
- Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen
- Foam sit pad

Biking Essentials

- Helmet (required on all bike rides)
- Spare tube
- Patch kit
- Tire pump
- Water bottle (filled)
- Tire irons

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

1. Overnight tour descriptions must be submitted to the overnight tour coordinator to be approved. Once approved, the overnight tour coordinator submits them to the newsletter editor.
2. Only Oregon Nordic Club members are allowed on Portland ONC overnight tours, even if it is a trip for

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intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are mandatory.

Trip Limit: 20 participants maximum

Cost: Free—a club benefit (you must be a current ONC-PDX member or Tilly Jane volunteer before signing up for this trip)

To sign up or for more info contact us at TillyJaneCabin@gmail.com. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. **Leaders TBD Jan 15–19, Fri–Tue, All Abilities Ski/Hike/Enjoy Sunriver, OR, an MLK Tradition Trip full, waiting list open***

Join the ONC-PDX for our annual Martin Luther King weekend ski trip to Sunriver. We've always had good snow in January; the Nordic Center and the backcountry will be yearning for your skis, but be prepared for a multi-sport trip—including hikes or bikes. People who bring bikes can cruise the paved trails at Sunriver or ride the rural roads around it, if there is no snow or ice at our elevation. We'll arrive Friday evening for a four-night stay, and decide each evening what people are interested in doing. We'll organize ourselves according to interests, carpool to the mountain or trailheads, and share potluck dinners. Other possible activities include cycling, walking the bike paths in Sunriver, visiting the High Desert Museum, the bookstore, or the observatory (if it's open). Skiers and hikers should bring maps and ideas. Join us—there's something for everyone here. Maps of Swampy Lakes, Dutchman Flat Area, Edison Butte and the Newberry Crater Areas are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/winter/wintermaps.shtml>

Trip limit: 8 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$215 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes four nights lodging—so you can stay late on Monday.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$215 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to Christine Bierman, 4900 SE Powell Valley Road, Gresham, OR 97080. For info contact the Christine at sisu1956@gmail.com 971.325.2874.

Jan 20–25, Wed–Mon, All Ability Ski Anthony Lakes, OR

Trip full, 1 on waiting list*

Come ski the powder of the Elkhorn Mountains west of Baker City, Oregon. We'll carpooling on Wednesday January 20 to the Good Bear Ranch House on a 250-acre property on the edge of the National Forest. The house is at 4,500 feet elevation; if we are lucky we might be able to ski out the door. Most days we'll drive to Anthony Lakes ski area (base elevation 7,100 Feet) a 20 mile, 45 minute drive. The resort offers 30K of groomed double track and 11K of single track trail skiing. I am planning several backcountry ski tours in the adjoining valleys leaving from Anthony Lakes. Anthony Lakes has a day lodge built by the CCC with food and drink available. For those interested in lift skiing it offers 1,100 acres served by one

lift. The Good Bear Ranch House has everything you could want in a deluxe winter cabin. It's a log house (5,200 sq. ft.) with seven bedrooms and three baths with two floor-to-ceiling stone fireplaces and a dining table for 14 people. We'll share responsibilities for four dinners; breakfast and lunch are on your own. For one evening we'll plan on going to Baker City (14 miles) for dinner and the “night life” of Eastern Oregon. We'll return to Portland on Monday January 25.

Trip Limit: 10 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$300 per person (you must be a current ONC-PDX member before signing up for this trip) includes five nights lodging.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$300 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Ken Wenzel. For more info contact Ken at 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com.

Jan 29–31, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Ochoco Mountains, OR—Trip 2

Trip full, waiting list open*

We'll ski in the Ochoco Mountains about 30 miles east of Prineville in a relatively remote area of Oregon taking advantage of the dry snow and wonderful views. For two nights we'll stay in a former forest ranger cabin with three bedrooms with one and a half bathrooms. There is electric heat and water but no cell reception!

Trip Limit: 7 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$35 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes two nights lodging.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$35 payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Karen Suher, 3845 SW 54th Place, Portland, OR 97221-2176. For more info contact Karen at 503.577.8983 ksuher@comcast.net.

Jan 31–Feb 4, Sun–Thur, Inter. to Adv. Backcountry Ski/Snowshoe

Scottish Lakes High Camp, WA Spaces available*

Join us for four days of skiing in the Central Washington Cascades just east of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area.

There will be multi-level ski trips and snowshoe trips each day. To make the most of this trip you should have some intermediate winter backcountry travel experience.

Our base for this backcountry ski trip will be the Scottish
***Check website for trip status updates**



Larry Risch



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Lakes High Camp near Wenatchee, WA, the gateway to some of the most spectacular scenery and terrain Washington's Central Cascades has to offer. Access to High Camp is via an eight-mile private road via truck and snowmobile: no need to part with favored treats and creature comforts this time (it will be hauled for you). High Camp consists of nine rustic cabins, each with its own wood burning stove and stocked kitchen, a comfortable day lodge, hot tub, and sauna. At 5,000 feet Scottish Lakes is just far enough east of the Cascade crest to offer blue skies, sunshine, and dry powdery snow. With 35 miles of well-marked trails, access to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, easy open slope touring and high meadows for steep seekers, views of Glacier Peak and the North Cascades—there's an incredible variety of fun terrain for all levels of touring, backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. We will spend Sunday night in a motel in Skykomish to facilitate early arrival on Monday.

Trip limit: 15 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$386 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes lodging at resort, snowmobile shuttle in and out plus Sunday a night lodging in Skykomish Motel.
Carpools and group dinners will be organized.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$386, payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Russ Pascoe. For more info contact Russ at 360.901.3411 russ.bec@gmail.com.

Feb 5–7, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski
Mt. Adams Lodge at the Flying L Ranch, WA
Spaces available*

Follow the flurries to Mt. Adams and join us for two days of skiing and relaxing in the lodge with its enormous stone fireplace. Nestled among the beautiful Ponderosa pines, Mt. Adams Lodge at the Flying L Ranch B&B is the closest overnight trip from the Portland area and a favorite of ONC-PDX. Saturday night we'll potluck. There are plenty of ski trails—beginning to advanced—awaiting you on this sunny side of the Cascades.

Trip Limit: 19 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$165 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes two nights' lodging and two gourmet breakfasts.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$165, payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Donna Matrazzo at 15500L NW Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97231. For more info contact Donna at 503.621.3049 matrazzo@msn.com.

Feb 12–14, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski
Tilly Jane A-Frame, Mt. Hood, OR

See January 8–10 weekend trip on page 5 for details.

Feb 12–15, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski
Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR
Trip full, waiting list open*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing thru the grounds, and the ideal ambience for a cross-country ski holiday. Check out the website at

www.lakecreeklodge.com

We'll carpool to Camp Sherman on Friday, have a traditional ONC-PDX potluck dinner on Saturday, and perhaps head into Sisters for Sunday dinner. Ski options are many—Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor ski area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky, right out our cabin doors.

Trip limit: 16 participants
Cost: \$225 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes three nights lodging.

Send your overnight tour application and \$225 check to trip leader, Steve Levy, 5441 SW Nebraska St., Portland, OR 97221. For more info contact Steve at 503.244.4262 slevy@pacifier.com.

Feb 13–21, Sat–Sun, All Abilities Ski
Yellowstone National Park Dream Trip, WY
Spaces available*

You have been there in the summer with all the tourists. You have heard about it from others who have been there in the winter. Now it is YOUR opportunity to experience the dream: YELLOWSTONE IN WINTER! Twenty lucky people will have the opportunity of a lifetime this ski season for this Presidents' Weekend ski trip.

We'll carpool from Portland on Saturday, February 13, arriving Sunday afternoon, at Mammoth Hot Springs near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park and staying at the historic Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, where we'll meet for dinner. Accommodations are in rooms with double beds and shared bath. On Monday morning, a snow-coach ride takes us to Old Faithful where we move into modern western cabins with two queen beds per room and private baths. For three days of skiing among the magnificent geysers, including those in the Old Faithful



Bob Breivogel

basin and Lone Star Geyser, up to the Continental Divide, the Mallard Lake Trail, all while viewing elk and bison (and perhaps wolves), catching the Yellowstone that most tourists miss. We expect dry snow and clear days. On Thursday afternoon, we will return to Mammoth Hot Springs for three more nights. On Friday and Saturday, we'll ski in areas accessible from the Mammoth Basin area—either Tower or Indian Creek areas or you can book (individually) a trip to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Sunday morning after breakfast, we take off for home, relaxed and full of stories of our adventures and wild animal sightings. There is a wide selection of trails available, from beginning to advanced, something for every desire.

For those who wish, there is an option for beginning the trip a few days early or extending the trip for one or more days at the end. It is also possible to fly to Bozeman to

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which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club at the same time they sign up for an overnight tour (and pay the membership fee at that time). The only exceptions are overnight trail tending parties which are open to anyone, and Tilly Jane Club weekends which are open to ONC members and non-member volunteers.
3. The first overnight trip sign-up opportunity is at the October meeting at the designated time. The member must submit their application and payment at that time, in person, or through a representative in person. The trip leader cannot be a representative. Following the trip sign-up date, remaining tour spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on time/date the application is received by the tripler. Overnight tour leaders have the privilege of signing up for any Portland ONC overnight trip, prior to the October meeting.

WAITING LIST
4. If a tour is full, participants can be placed on the waiting list if they submit an application and pay the tour fee. If space becomes available, participants on the waiting list will be notified and if they choose not to go on the tour, they will receive a full refund.

Trip Cancellation Policy
5. If canceling, participants must contact the tour leader immediately to determine if there is a waiting list.

6. Participants are responsible for finding their own replacements, including contacting
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people on the waiting list.

7. Tour fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless a replacement is found. Commercial trip insurance is highly recommended for members who fear hardship because of these policies. (see below for link to trip insurance)

8. Once a replacement has been found, participant must send a written or e-mail request for a refund to the overnight tour coordinator. When the replacement has been confirmed and payment received, a refund will be issued within 30 days, less \$10.

9. Additional restrictions on participation may apply to some trips based on participant's ability and experience needed to safely execute the trip. The trip leader has the authority to determine this, for the safety of all the trip participants. The trip leader may also limit participation based on accommodations.

10. If the club cancels the trip, then the club will refund the cost of the trip. All trip cancellations will be decided by Overnight Trip Steering Committee.

Travel Insurance

We remind participants that trips are non-refundable, unless a replacement is found. We recommend that you use trip insurance, through our membership in the Northwest Ski Club Council/ National Ski Federation Council. The cost is usually 7% of the trip cost, with a minimum of \$10. This is less than

avoid the drive. Please contact the tour leader for information.

Trip limit: 20 participants (including the leader)

Cost: \$850 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes seven-nights lodging and breakfasts (four at Mammoth and three at Old Faithful) and snow-coach to Old Faithful and return to Mammoth. We'll have reservations for dinners (costs not included) at the Mammoth dining room and Old Faithful Snow Lodge dining room. Costs for carpooling and lodging en-route are not included. Special rates are available for children under 12 sharing a room with parents.

Sign-up on the ONC-PDX website or send your overnight tour application and \$500 deposit check payable to ONC-Portland Chapter to the trip leader, Ted Scheinman, 36 SW Brugger St., Portland, OR 97219. Final payment is due January 15. There will be a pre-trip meeting scheduled to plan for details and carpool. For more info contact Ted at 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com.

Feb 26–28, Fri–Sun, All Abilities Ski and Snowshoe Crater Lake via Charter Bus Spaces available*

Experience one of the Seven Wonders of Oregon on skis or snowshoes, and without crowds!

The Crater Lake rim, at 7,000 feet, averages 44 feet of snow a year. Join the ONC-PDX for the big trip to Crater Lake. Last year we had fresh snow and sunny days—and some of the best skiing of the winter.

We'll board the deluxe coach at noon Friday in Portland and proceed down I-5 while sharing in an appetizer based "Rolling Pot-Luck." We will arrive in Prospect at around 6:00 p.m., giving you time to enjoy your room and a



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spaghetti dinner in the historic Prospect Hotel. The next morning, after a hearty gourmet breakfast at the hotel, we'll take a quick ride to the rim and spend the day enjoying the spectacular snow formations and views of the lake and surrounding mountains, while skiing as far as our legs can carry us. Sunday will be another day of different trails, different tours, and more exploring. If you want, you can take a ranger led interpretive snowshoe tour. Later in the afternoon, we'll board our coach and head toward home. This year we will pre-order sandwiches or pizza and try to get home by 9:00 p.m.

We are going to continue with the excellent (and fun) coaching with Shelley and Dave from Wy'East Nordic to offer training tips to all who want it as we ski.

There are two types of accommodations: The Historic Prospect Inn which has one double/queen bed in each room for two people (ideal for couples) and the adjacent

motel-like rooms, where participants will likely share large rooms with two or three beds per room and, in some cases, kitchenettes.

Trip limit: 35 participants (including the leader)

Cost: \$310–\$330 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) depending upon whether you are staying in the Inn or the adjacent motel. Contact leader before signing up.

After contacting the leader send your overnight tour application and check for \$100 deposit payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to trip leaders, Steve and Shannon Planchon, 6205 N Depauw St., Portland, OR 97203. Final payment is due February 1, 2016. For more info contact Steve and Shannon at 503 467-8599 onskiplanchon@gmail.com.

March 5–19, Sat–Sat, All Abilities Ski Innsbruck, Austria and Dolomites, Italy Trip full, 2 on waiting list*

Skate and classic cross-country ski in the Austrian Alps and the Dolomites of Italy for two weeks in March 2016! We'll fly from Portland or Seattle on Saturday, March 5 to Munich and take the train to Seefeld, Austria (near Innsbruck). We'll have hotel rooms and an apartment for group meals and food preparation. For the first week of the trip, we can take a ski bus to different local villages, or ski from the hotel. Tourist activities are also an option (costs vary). On Sunday, March 13, we go to Plan de Gralba, Italy, where we will ski the Dolomites of Val Gardena through Plan de Gralba until Friday, March 18, when we will travel to Munich, have dinner at the world famous Hofbrauhaus and stay overnight, preparing to return back to Portland on Saturday, March 19.

Our hotel rooms are modern with private bathrooms, in room. Breakfasts are included, lunches and dinners are not. Lunch is typically eaten on the trail, or ski up to a chalet and dine as you desire. Dinner will be in the apartment or at the many choices of restaurants.

There are no in-city tourist activities planned; however, if the group desires, we can set aside a day to tour museums and cathedrals—with time for taking photos.

Trip limit: 12 participants

Cost: estimated at \$2,900 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip), but the recommended budget is \$3,500, includes round trip airfare to Munich from Portland or Seattle, train to Seefeld and Plan de Gralba, and then back to Munich, bus passes near Seefeld, skiing in Plan de Gralba, all lodging (double occupancy), breakfasts and final dinner in Munich. Deposit \$500 with the full balance due by October 30, 2015. ONC-PDX TravelGuard or equivalent travel insurance required. This is a special arrangement the ONC-PDX has with TravelGuard for 7% of trip cost. Contact the leader for a link to TravelGuard. (There are some tricks to using the TravelGuard website and getting the ONC-PDX rate. Please ask the leader to work through them.)

For more info contact Sam Digard at sam.digard@gmail.com call/text 360.910.1714 (voice

***Check website for trip status updates**

calls are often difficult to answer, so please be ready to leave a message) for more details and a larger PowerPoint overview of the trip.

March 11–13, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame, Mt. Hood, OR

See January 8–10 weekend trip on page 5 for details.

March 10–14, Thur–Mon, All Abilities Ski Wallowa Mountains, Wallowa Lake, OR

5 spaces available*

Come spend an extended weekend skiing in the magnificent Wallowa Mountains in eastern Oregon! We have three houses at Wallowa Lake for four nights at the entrance to the Wallowa Mountains. We can partake in three or four days of skiing. There are opportunities for all levels of skiing—backcountry skiing, road and trail skiing, and snowshoeing (provided by the resort). Some options are Salt Creek Summit, Hurricane Trail, McCully Trail, and the West Fork Trail. We'll carpool from Portland on Thursday morning or early afternoon, arriving in Joseph in early evening. We'll ski around Wallowa Lake and in the mountains on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and (possibly) part of Monday, returning to Portland on Monday evening. We'll have potluck dinners in one of the houses.

Trip Limit: 14 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$130 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes four nights lodging.

Send your ONC-PDX overnight trip application and \$130 check payable to ONC-Portland Chapter to the trip leader, Kathy Burns, 58324 Wilson Cutoff Rd., Vernonia, OR 97064. For more info contact Kathy at 503.429.4024 burnskathryn@gmail.com.

March 19–27, Sat–Sun, All Abilities Ski Canadian Rockies Spring Break
Trip full, 1 on waiting list*

This is the Big One to the Big Mountains! Don't miss out! Join us for a ski expedition to the magnificent Canadian Rockies Canmore, Banff, Kananaskis Country. We have planned six days of glorious backcountry intermediate level ski touring and groomed cross-country trails of that region. The group will travel by car leaving from Portland Saturday, March 19, and arriving in Canmore, Alberta Sunday, March 20 with an overnight stay on the road (not included in cost). We'll start our venture by spending a day skiing at the Canmore Nordic Center, the site of the '88 Winter Olympics. Trails options for tours are well known in the area—include Burstall Pass, Canmore to Banff via Goat Creek, Dead Man's Flat to Skogan Pass and Ribbon Creek, and Smith Dorrien trails starting from Chester Lake. These trails can be skied to whatever level of choice. (Downhill skiing is an option) One day will be left open for sightseeing or more skiing!

Accommodations entail a luxury house with kitchen facilities and entertainment areas for dinners and socializing. Canmore is a delightfully entertaining community and worthy of at least one night "on the town." We'll return to Portland early Sunday, March 27. Travel distance to Canmore is approximately 900 miles. A pre-trip meeting will be scheduled to go over the details. A valid passport is

required.

Trip Limit: 8 participants (including the leader)
Trip Cost: \$450 (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes seven nights' accommodations in a luxury house in Canmore. Additional costs to be incurred are one or two nights of accommodation on the road, potluck meals, shared costs for transportation, trail fees for one day at Nordic Center and shared costs for groceries to prepare meals and trail lunches in Canmore.

Send your ONC-PDX overnight trip application and \$450 check payable to ONC-Portland Chapter to the trip leader: Ted Scheinman, 36 SW Brugger St., Portland, OR 97219. For more info contact Ted at 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

March 25–27, Fri–Sun, Adv. Inter. Backcountry Ski Three Sisters Hut to Hut Traverse, OR

Trip full, 8 on waiting list*

Try something different and use your route finding skills! This is a 22-mile Hut to Hut, self guided tour from Dutchman Flat near Mt. Bachelor to Three Creeks Sno-Park near Sisters. The route roughly follows the historic Metolius Windigo Trail (unmarked) at 6,500 ft. elevation, on the eastern edge of the Three Sisters Wilderness area. We will meet our shuttle Friday at 8:00 am at Three Creeks near Sisters. Friday and Saturday nights will be spent in huts along the route and Sunday evening we will drive home from Three Creeks. The terrain will be ungraded, rolling to gentle slopes and will not be subject to avalanche danger. The two huts are fully stocked with food, beds, wood stove and cooking facilities. They provide sleeping bags as well; so you only need to carry a bag liner and your personal gear and clothing! We can't anticipate the weather so the snow conditions could vary from untracked powder to icy and anything in-between.

For what is provided and photos of the huts, use this link: threesistersbackcountry.com/huts/nordic-traverse-huts

Since the distance between huts is only eight miles there should be time for additional skiing and exploring opportunities. Participants should be familiar with route finding skills and use of a GPS, however a GPS is not required.

Trip Limit: 8 (including two leaders)
Cost: \$270 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included (see web link above)!
Additional expenses include carpooling, food and lodging in Sisters the night before.

Send your ONC-PDX Overnight Tour application with a check for \$270, payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to trip leader: Susan Watt PO Box 83037 Portland, OR 97283. For more info contact Susan at 503.286.6339 susniam@gmail.com

April 8–10 Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin, Mt. Hood, OR

See January 8–10 weekend trip on page 5 for details. ♦

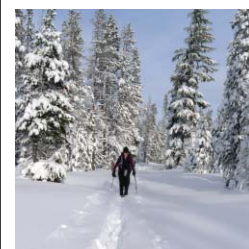
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commercial policies. A link is on the ONC-PDX overnight trip application on the website at the bottom.

Where they ask for tour operator, select "not listed" and indicate that the "ONC" is the tour operator. For agent's initials, use: "TPS." Read the coverage carefully and make your choice. For more info contact the Overnight Trip Coordinator Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com ♦

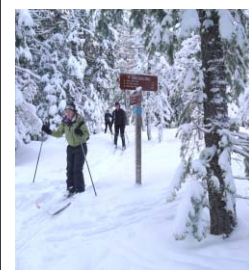
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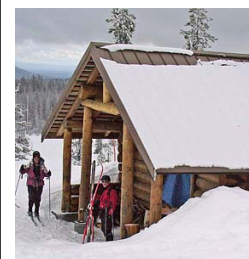
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Discounts for ONC-PDX members and leaders!

Columbia Sportswear, 911 SW Broadway (flagship store) and 7000 NE Airport Drive, Suite T2572 (airport location)—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. columbia.com

Glenn's Mountain Tracks in Government Camp next to Huckleberry's Restaurant, offers ONC-PDX members group rates on cross-country ski rentals. Current membership card required. On-line rentals. mntntracks.com

Mountain Hardware, 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. mountainhardware.com/Stores_Portland.html

The Mountain Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave., 10% discount (15% discount for leaders) on purchases and 15% discount on rentals. mountainshop.net

Oregon Nordic Club–Portland Chapter Overnight Trip Application

TOUR NAME: _____ DATE: _____

FEE / DEPOSIT: _____ **One application per person**

Mail your check payable to ONC-Portland Chapter and this application to the tour leader at their address listed in the tour description in the newsletter. Contact them for their address if it is not available.

NAME: _____ ONC-PDX MEMBER: yes no* other ONC Chapter

*You must be a current ONC member before signing up for ONC-PDX overnight trips

PHONE: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL **: _____

** If you do not have an e-mail address, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check and this form.

Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver

Outdoor adventures by their very nature are inherently dangerous and involve some degree of risk. I am aware that participating in the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) outings may expose me to certain risks and dangers including, but not limited to the hazards of mountainous, aquatic, or wilderness terrain, accident, illness, the forces of nature, and travel to and from the trailhead or point of departure. I am aware that it is not possible to foresee all of the potential hazards of outdoor activities. Each participant in a ONC-PDX activity is responsible for his or her decisions.

To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the outings of activities in which I will participate. I understand that the ONC-PDX is a volunteer organization. In consideration of voluntarily participating in these outings, trips, or activities, I have and do hereby assume all the risks inherent in these activities and hold harmless the ONC-PDX and its agents, tour leaders, officers, and instructors, from and against any and all claims, liability, and demands of any nature, for the acts or omissions of the ONC-PDX or its agents, tour leaders, officers, or instructors.

Please read ONC-PDX's overnight trip policies located on the side bar starting on page 6 before signing for for a trip; note the cancellation policy. Refunds are not made unless a replacement is found for your spot on the trip.

Purchase trip insurance in case of hardship: http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=163395&pcode= (this link is on our website)

I have read and understand the above statements concerning ONC-PDX's programs.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Parent or Guardian must sign if the trip participant is under 18 years of age)



Welcome new members! William and Nancy Neuman

October membership report: 207 total memberships (142 single and 65 family) includes 6 new and 30 (October) renewals (non-renewing members have been removed from this count). Last year at this time there were 284 memberships with 127 renewals.

Revised September 2015 Membership Report: 284 total memberships (190 single and 94 family) includes 5 new and 196 renewals (non-renewing members have not been removed from this count). Last year at this time there were 268 memberships with 98 renewals.

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting, October 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: Ann Truax, Kim Davis, Scott Diamond, André Fortin and Susan Watt

Other Members Present: None

Reports

Treasurer's Report: No report by Mary but the board approved Mary Hepokoski as bookkeeper

President's Report: Eleonore Heinrich, has volunteered to attend state meeting

Website: No report and no issues, website is working well

Day Tour Committee: Denise Brem has resigned as day tour coordinator. Scott Diamond has been approved to day tour committee.

Overnight Trip Committee: Susan Watt requested funds for 100 brochures and this was approved.

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Tilly Jane A-Frame: The work party on 3 October was very successful. There were 80 volunteers in total, 9 chords of wood were stacked.

Membership: Pam reported, by e-mail, the following membership report as of Oct 6, 2015:

284 total memberships (190 single and 94 family) includes 5 new and 181 renewals (non-renewing members have not been removed from the total count). Of the renewals so far: 85 renewals used paper forms and 68 used the website to renew. Last year at this time there were 268 memberships with 98 renewals.

Note: we include in the membership count and renewal count the 26 comp memberships—past presidents, life members and other comp memberships as we have done in the past.

Nordic Issues: No report

Publicity: Almost every other day we get a new member on Meetup. ONC-PD will present for two dates at REI presentations: Dec. 1 at Tualatin and Jan. 8 at Portland. Kim Davis will cover Portland presentation and she is looking for a volunteer for Dec. 1. The Mountain shop has a Nordic Extravaganza first weekend of November – may need volunteers to show up. Kim to report back.

New Business

General: Board approved Mary Bourret as new board member. ■ There was a request to purchase a radio and the board needs a monetary amount before approving. ■ Board approved gift of shirt for trail maintenance to non-member. ■ Board approved for Scott Diamond to send out link for survey results to same e-mail list which survey results were requested from

Committee Membership: With the growth of committees to handle a number of club functions the board felt we should have a defined process for determining committee membership. Members who would like to be on a committee should either attend a board meeting or write an e-mail to the board providing some level of background on the interest in the committee (ideally with background and direction).

Record of Board Actions: The by-laws are the formal process for club decisions. In addition to this the board has made a number of decisions which do not rise to the level of by-laws but which could be collected in a document for easier reference (currently the only option is to search through prior board meeting minutes). Decisions in this category include prior example of committee membership, trip refund policy, de-emphasis on summer day tours, etc. The secretary (currently Scott Diamond) will maintain a document on the website, which summarizes these key decisions.

November Meeting Volunteer Recognition: Board approves purchase of 20, \$10 Gift certificate from Mountain Shop for volunteer appreciation. We need to develop a list of volunteers since last recognition in 2014. The following people will collate a list: Susan Watt – Overnight trips, Scott Diamond – Day tours, André Fortin – Tilly Jane, Ken Wenzel – Trail maintenance volunteers.

Leadership Training: Kim has researched a number of venues. The board felt Lucky Lab on Killingsworth was the best option (all you can eat pizza buffet for \$10/person + \$25 for private room, holds 50) The board needs to form a committee on leadership training. It is unlikely that we can conduct this by end of November.

Next meeting: November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mazama Mountaineering Center Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Scott Diamond, *Secretary*

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► **Mt. Adams View Property.** 3.3 acre building site adjacent to the Flying L Ranch in Glenwood, WA with a spectacular view of the mountain. Private road, power and water to the site, perk tested for septic. Guaranteed view corridor. \$130k cash-out or \$145k with owner-carried contract. See Craigslist ad for photo and more info:
<https://portland.craigslist.org/mlt/reo/5041657424.html>

Jacquie 503.730.5571 10/15

FREE: ► **Cut-your-own Christmas trees.** Noble Fir, many sizes (all under 7 feet), no chemicals or shaping.

Louise 503.799.0876

Deadline: 15th of the month (for next month's publication). **Free ads are for members only**, placed on a first come basis and may be edited depending on space availability. Send to: oncnewsletter@gmail.com as a **MS Word document attachment preferred**—(with no formatting i.e., no bold text or tabs), in Times Roman, compatible text file, or send text in an email. **Ads will be published for 3 months. Please notify editor to run ads longer or be removed earlier.**

Oregon Mountain Community, 2975 NE Sandy, ONC-PDX members—subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and received the following discounts: 15% discount on purchase price. omcgear.com

Otto's Ski & Bike Shop, 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, offers a 15% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. They also have cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Wy'East Nordic Ski School offers ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. wyeastnordic.com ♦



Ted Scheinman

Crater Lake National Park



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Info about the November Program will be sent out by email.

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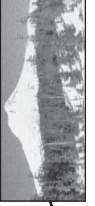
Monthly meeting:
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company (1945 NW Quimby St.)
located between NW 20th Ave. and NW 19 Ave. in
Northwest Portland.



**Lucky Labrador
Brewing Company**
1945 NW Quimby St.
Tuesday, November 10
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Meeting and Program
Food and drink are available for purchase \$

Upcoming Programs

Dec 8 – TBD



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