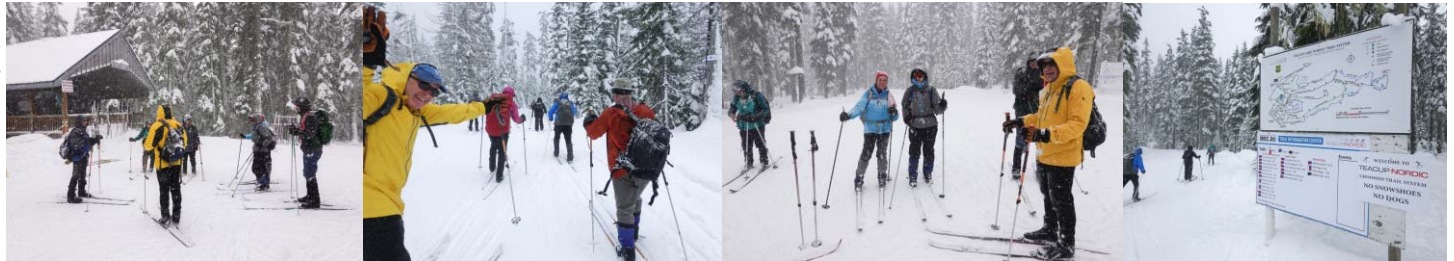


Wednesday group in the snow at Teacup

The Renegade Retiree Wednesday ski group of 13, in late December, headed up to Teacup via Hood River, due to a reported car crash at Government Camp. We arrived to fresh, groomed snow and about 20 cars in the parking lot. The

Bob Breivogel photos



weather was overcast, but it snowed all day. Most of us skied the large loop around. We were joined by a new skier who pattered around on his rented skis trying out his skills on the inner loops. He was beaming at the end of the day, saying, "That was so fun!" We all had a great time burning off holiday calories.

Laurel Dickie, Trip Leader

Ride the ONC-PDX Ski Bus to Teacup

Leave the cars at home and enjoy the ride on the ONC-PDX sponsored Ski Bus on two Saturdays this month: January 19 and 26. See the listings in the day tours calendar. We'll ski at the Teacup Nordic area groomed trails—20 km (12 miles) of easy to most difficult options. Please bring \$10 for the trail fee. Optional ski lessons are available, not included in the bus fee, see website for more info. The ONC-PDX Ski Bus has two pickup places Gateway/Northwest 99th Avenue Transit Center parking garage, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. and in Sandy at Otto's Ski and Mountain Bike Shop, 38716 Pioneer Blvd., in Sandy (in the parking lot behind the store). Sign up for the bus and optional lessons online: onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus

ONC-PDX outreach events

The ONC-PDX Chapter has been busy with outreach

events at local ski shops. In November, we had three outreach events at REI Portland and REI Tualatin. In December, we did the same at

Pam Rigor



Mountain Shop and Next Adventure in Portland. We met a number of potential members and promoted Nordic skiing. We thank the staff and management at all four retail locations for their support of ONC-

PDX. They were very helpful and supportive in our mission to

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Board search committee

A search committee is being formed to recruit

nominees for the 2019-20 Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) Board of Directors.

The ONC-PDX annual membership meeting and elections are on April 2. Please contact the president to volunteer for the search committee: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com

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

Jan 2 ▶ WEDNESDAY

New Year New Wax Clinic

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th
Free clinic: learn everything you need for waxing your Nordic and backcountry skis: What wax is, the different types, and how to choose the best wax for conditions. How to select an iron. What scraper you should be using Which brushes work best for your gear. Ski vices.
Info: mountainshop.net/community

Jan 3 ▶ THURSDAY

Avalanche Awareness

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. U.S. Outdoor, 219 SW Broadway
Organized by Northwest Avalanche Center
Info: usoutdoor.com nwac.us

Jan 8 ▶ TUESDAY

(second Tuesday)

Getting started with Telemark and AT skiing

ONC-PDX monthly program
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St.



Jan 15 ▶ TUESDAY

NWAC: Avalanche Awareness

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.
Organized by Northwest Avalanche Center
Info: mountainshop.net/community nwac.us

Jan 23 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Preparing for the Unexpected – Outdoor Emergency Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Hillsboro REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Jan 30 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Thru-Hike Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 2 ▶ SATURDAY

Luminaria

5:00 p.m. Meissner Sno-Park, Central Oregon. Annual Meissner Nordic Club fundraiser. Ski 1.5 miles one way to the Meissner Shelter lighted by luminarias.
Info: meissnernordic.org/meissner-events

Clinics and Training

Jan 6 ▶ SUNDAY

Teacup Nordic Tea Party and Cross-Country Ski Clinic

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Register at 10:30 a.m. for lessons which start at 11:00 a.m. Tea Party Noon – 2:00 p.m. Ray Garey Cabin, Teacup Nordic area, Mt. Hood, OR. Come take ski lessons (beginning and intermediate, both classic and skate) from skiers with years of experience, and support Teacup Nordic. Free tea, cookies (bring some to share), hot chocolate, and soup. \$10 donation appreciated from non-members. Tea courtesy of Stash Tea, a sponsor of the Teacup Youth Nordic Team.
Info: teaparty@teacupnordic.org teacupnordic.org

Jan 13 ▶ SUNDAY

XC Oregon Learn to Ski Day

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Virginia Meissner Sno-Park, Central Oregon. Hosted by XC Oregon. Mini-clinics every 30 minutes (1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., or 2:00 p.m.); arrive before your preferred start time. Meet outside the lodge at Virginia Meissner Sno-Park. Classic cross-country skiers of any level are welcome; skate skiers should have had a least one day on their skis prior to this event. Partner shops are offering free rentals: Village Bike and Ski in Sunriver: stop by the night before or the morning of event and mention the event for a free Nordic setup (a \$24 value) day rental. Sunnyside Sports in Bend: Pick up rentals the morning of the event. Event free, but donations to Meissner Nordic Ski Club encouraged.
Info: meissnernordic.org

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.

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see 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: nwski.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$29 for single, \$35 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: **oncmembership@gmail.com**

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

Portland Chapter Announces the Klindt Vielbig Award

At the November Board meeting, following a discussion of who to nominate for the ONC's John Craig award, we decided that our chapter needed its own award to recognize club members who had contributed to the success of the club and Nordic skiing in general. The state award is open to members from all chapters, while our award will specifically honor Portland Chapter members.

It is entirely fitting that this award be named for Vielbig, one of the founding members of the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter, who was, in Ted Scheinman's words, "the father of modern cross-county skiing in Oregon." He organized the first cross-county ski school on Mt. Hood and possibly the West Coast. His *Cross-Country Ski Routes—Oregon* (published in 1984 and updated in 1994) remains the bible for Nordic skiing in Oregon. In 1997 he published *A Complete Guide to Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument*. Vielbig was also an avid climber and a member of the Mazamas. He was on a team of climbers who made first-ascent routes on both Mt. Baker (Cockscomb) and Mt. Rainier (Tahoma Cleaver), and climbed Mt Hood 30 times by eight routes. He devoted years of volunteer trail work with the Forest Service and others.

Although a devoted club member, Vielbig was at times impatient with the pace of club and board decisions and/or disagreed with them, threatening to

resign on more than one occasion. The Board responded by making him an honored lifetime member so he couldn't quit when we did not address issues fast enough, according to Ted Scheinman.

Klindt Vielbig passed in 2010 (at 81). The Board will soon develop a process for annually honoring a club member with this prestigious award.

- * Yellowjacket Trail, Mt. Hood, Mazama Sno-Park
- * Mineral Jane Trail, Mt. Hood, Barlow Pass or White River West Sno-Park
- * Upper-Lower Twin Lakes loop, Mt. Hood, Barlow Pass Sno-Park
- * Bennett Ridge, across Terrible Traverse to Camp Windy, Mt. Hood Bennett Pass Sno-Park
- * Clark Creek/Rocky Creek Trails, Mt. Hood, Clark Creek Sno-Park
- * Meadows Creek Trail and loop, Mt. Hood, Teacup Lake Sno-Park
- * Circle Lake Trail and loop, Santiam Pass, Ray Benson Sno-Park
- * Mountain View Trail and loop, Santiam West, Maxwell Sno-Park
- * Direct Current/High Voltage/Light Bulb Trails loop, Bend, Edison Butte Sno-Park
- * Mountain View Trail and loop, Wallowas, Salt Creek Summit Sno-Park

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Tim Kral, Board Member

Editors Note: Another less well know aspect of Vielbig's devotion to Nordic trail building were his unofficial trail tenders. And I admit I joined him on several of these rogue trail work days in the Trillium Basin. He also produced a lot of maps of Nordic trails and shared them.

Rewards for volunteering!

If you volunteer and do the following

activities five times during the membership year (September 1 to August 31) you qualify for one early overnight trip sign up—one week before the regular signup date. You must sign up on the ONC-PDX volunteer activities signup sheets. These will be recorded during the year in the ONC-PDX database. Then contact the overnight trip leader at least one week prior to the signup.

- ▶ Lead a day tour that is posted on the activities calendar.
- ▶ Volunteer for the Tilly Jane wood haul or construction.
- ▶ Attend a trail tending party.
- ▶ Serve on a committee (counts as one volunteer activity).
- ▶ Serve on the ONC-PDX Board.

Volunteer for your club, ONC-PDX, and enjoy your pick of the overnight trips!

◆
Ken Wenzel, President

The Bachelor Blast trip

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) orga-

nizes a trip to Bend in April. All members of the clubs in the NWSCC (ONC-PDX is a member) can participate in this trip. This year the trip is April 5-7. For more info on the trip see: nwskiers.org ◆

ONC-PDX outreach events continued from page 1

promote Nordic skiing. Please remember them the next time you purchase outdoor clothing or gear.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with these events: Donna Parsons, Clayton Hawkes, Gordon Matthews, Frances Foley, Carla Ralston, Kathy Burns, Steve Rearden, Christine Bierman, Betty Hall, Mike Fadden, Laurel Dickey, Richard Crimi, Patrice Fromwiller, Dolores Kueffler, and Ken Wenzel. ◆

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ONC: onc.org

DAY TOUR OVERVIEW RSVP

It's important that our organizer's time and effort in planning events is respected and appreciated. Respecting your RSVP also ensures that all of our members have access to our tours that may otherwise fill up. We document no shows for events and this will impact your acceptance for future events.

Tour Difficulty

It is always difficult to communicate the difficulty of a tour. (See page 5 sidebar for ratings.) These ratings are a starting point. If you are uncertain then we strongly encourage you to contact the tour lead (it is much easier to sort this out before the trip than on the trail).

What to Bring

Let's start with the *10 Essentials*. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/ For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't have time to stop and rent skis on the way). If you need to rent equipment please see Rentals and Retailers.

Carpooling

Lack of snow worthy vehicles is a growing issue for the club and board is reviewing options to change our policy. The ONC-PDX carpool policy is: Each passenger contributes 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Typical carpool cost per

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NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteer to help with Nordic Issues

Susan Watt has volunteered to help with Nordic Issues, but more volunteers are welcome. Contact Ken Wenzel.

Mt. Hood NF

Mountain snow and road conditions

Oregon road conditions: tripcheck.com

The blue or white dots on their map give info about: temperature, depth of roadside snow, weather conditions, road surface conditions, temperature, new snow depth, roadside snow depth, and the date and time the info was added. Webcams are here too.

National Weather Service site:

wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/forecasts/php

Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC):

nwac.us/weatherdata

Gifford Pinchot NF

Wind River/Old Man Pass

The Wind River Road will be plowed thanks to Washington State Parks. Old Man Pass is plowed once a day, if conditions call for it, and after all other County Roads have been plowed. Direct comments and questions regarding plowing to:

winter@co.skamania.wa.us

Info: skamaniacounty.org/public-works/homepage/upper-wind-river-recreation-area Contact Mt.

Adams Ranger District 509.395.3402 for current info (may not be answered until the government shutdown is over).

Mt. St. Helens FS 90 Road from Cougar to Northwoods will be plowed and paid for

by Skamania County and PacifiCorp. The Marble Mountain Shelter is open, but you need to bring your own firewood for the stove.

Mt. Adams Pineside Sno-Park Contact Mt.

Adams Ranger District 509.395.3402 for current info (may not be answered until the government shutdown is over).

Races at Teacup Nordic

There are several days in January when the

area will be busy due to ski races. On Saturday January 12 Teacup Nordic is holding the OHSNO High School Race. The parking lot will be fuller than usual and the cabin and the area around the cabin will be busy. Some of the upper trails will be closed for the race course, but Teacup is still open to the public. On Sunday January 27 the 2019 Mountain Shop Teacup Classic will include all levels of skiers. Parking will be limited so plan on carpooling. Info: teacupnordic.org/events/2019-teacup-classic

NEWS FROM TILLY JANE

The phase 3 project work was completed

between July and September! It included structural stabilization and reconstruction: rock footings and rafter replacements, rebuilds of the alcove/wood storage area log walls, restoration of all the log ends, securing the roof apex rafters, and a new roof. Come up for an overnight stay (see the Overnight Trips schedule).

I led the work with Wells Construction and the materials were donated by Tum-a-Lum Lumber in Hood River. The project took five weeks to complete with the help of 75 individual volunteers who donated over 1100 hours to the effort! Sack lunches were provided by Rosauers Supermarket in Hood River, breakfast bars donated by Kind Bars, and after work beer donated by Hopworks Urban Brewery in Portland. The project budget was \$138,373, but we came in under budget at \$88,870.00. We had another \$2,596 in donated materials. All in all, I'm proud to say that we saved \$52,100 off the original bid through the efforts of our volunteers and donated materials! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, every bit of the help added up to a meaningful contribution!

Tilly Jane received generous grant support: a \$20,000.00 matching grant from the Oregon State Parks, Preserving Oregon and a \$5,000.00 grant from the Kinsmen Foundation. This along with previously obtained grants from the US Forest Service, the Oregon Nordic Club Portland chapter and the Hood River Lions provided the bulk of the project funding.

I have some sad news to share: Skip Tschanz, the long-time caretaker of the Tilly Jane Guard Station recently passed away. Skip was a mainstay of the Gorge chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club and was one of the founding members of the volunteer efforts to help students from the Washington State School for the Blind learn how-to cross-country ski. Skip will be deeply missed within the Tilly Jane community.

Andr  Fortin, *Tilly Jane*

Phone service by ATT added to Teacup Area

I recently found out that ATT phone service

has been added to the area around Teacup Lake Nordic Ski area. So if you need to contact anyone in an emergency, it is now available with ATT served phones. Trip leaders and anyone skiing the basin please make note of this in your trip planning in case of an emergency. Calls to 911 maybe available on all phones. Plan ahead and be prepared.

Ken Wenzel, *President*

DAY TOURS

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

More tours may be listed here:

- ♦ onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours
- ♦ onc-pdx.org/forums
- ♦ meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours designated as “dog tours”

Jan 1, Tue, Intermediate Ski 🐾 (dogs allowed) Trail TBD, Mt. St. Helens, WA New Year Ski

Start 2019 off right by skiing on Mt. St. Helens. The route will depend upon snow conditions. Dogs will be allowed on this trip. **For more info, and meeting time and place contact the leader: Russ Pascoe becruss@hotmail.com**

Jan 2, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Terry Owen 503.590.5825 terryowen1@gmail.com.**

Note: an email is sent out on Sundays before the Wednesday tours; to be added to this Wednesday ski tour email list please send your email to Terry.

Jan 6, Sun, Easy Ski (Teacup Tea Party/Ski Clinic) Teacup Nordic Area, Mt. Hood, OR

Come to the groomed Teacup Nordic Area for their Annual Tea Party and Cross-Country Ski Clinic. Lets join Teacup as they celebrate their annual Tea Party (Noon to 2:00 p.m.), which consists of cross-country ski lessons (register at 10:30 a.m., lessons begin at 11:00 a.m.), tea, soup, and cookies (bring some cookies to share)! We will participate in this event in the morning, and go on an easy tour in the afternoon. Meet to carpool at Gateway Transit Center parking garage (NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave) leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning by 4:30 p.m. Please bring \$10 for trail fee/donation for lessons and money for carpool costs. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com**

Jan 9, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at

9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mary Hepokoski hepomp8@comcast.net 503-245-1618.**

Jan 12, Sat, Intermediate Ski Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood. OR

Lets ski four to seven miles round-trip on easy to moderate terrain along the Bennett Ridge Trail. Bring lunch. Meet at McMenamin's Edgefield, west parking lot for an 8:30 a.m. carpool departure. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mike Dianich 971.344.1021(text first) mdianich@gmail.com**

Jan 16, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Tere Enburg tereskier@gmail.com 503-642-2886**

Jan 19, Sat, Intermediate Ski Crosstown Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

Come ski six to seven miles round-trip on easy to moderate terrain along the Crosstown Trail in Government Camp. Bring lunch. Meet at McMenamin's Edgefield, west parking lot for an 8:30 a.m. carpool departure. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mike Dianich 971.344.1021(text first) mdianich@gmail.com**

Jan 19, Sat, All Abilities Ski (groomed) Teacup Nordic area, Mt. Hood, OR

Kick back and enjoy the ride on the ONC-PDX sponsored Ski Bus. Come ski at the Teacup Nordic area groomed trails—20 km (12 miles) of easy to most difficult options. There will be easy ski tours led by club members. Please bring \$10 for the trail fee. There are options for ski lessons, see the website listed below. The ONC-PDX Ski Bus leaves Gateway/Northwest 99th Avenue Transit Center parking garage, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave., at 7:55 a.m. (check in at 7:45 a.m.). The bus has a pick up in Sandy at Otto's Ski and Mountain Bike shop 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy (in the parking lot behind the store) at about 8:50 a.m. (check in at 8:40 a.m.), and arrives at Teacup Nordic area at about 10:00 a.m. (depending on road conditions). The bus will return to Portland by 5:00 p.m. Info and sign up for the Ski Bus: onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus **For more info contact Ken Barker 503.524.9192 xcskibus@gmail.com.**

Jan 23, Wed, Intermediate Ski (tentative) Location TBD

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person for Mt. Hood is \$18 for Government camp to \$25 to Teacup (via Hood River). Please respect this policy by paying your drivers prior to their prompting.

Dogs

Dogs are only allowed on a few ONC-PDX trips. If you don't see dogs allowed on the trip write-up then please don't bring your dog (you will not be allowed to ski with the group).

FS Dog Policy

Dogs must be on a leash in all sno-parks (Forest Service regulation). Please keep dogs off ski tracks and pack out dog waste.

TOUR/TRIP RATINGS

All ONC-PDX tours/trips are rated as either Novice, Easy, Intermediate, or Advanced. These terms are an approximate guide to the skill and commitment required for the tour/trip. Use the rating guide to select the right tour/trip for your ability and inclination. Please do not attempt a tour/trip that is beyond your ability; you could endanger yourself or others in your party.

Novice Ski

2–5 miles slow-paced day tours over gentle terrain. These tours are for beginning cross-country skiers with a little prior skiing experience (the ability to do a reasonable shuffle on skis). Leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but will help them as much as possible.

Easy

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.

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Hike: < 8 miles; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

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

Intermediate 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/trip 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, 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-PDX activity, “just in case.” Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet.; choose wool or synthetics for warmth and comfort.

Skiing & Hiking Essentials

■ First aid kit ■ Matches

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Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we’ll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield’s West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Laurel Dickie**

Jan 26, Sat, Easy Ski Teacup Nordic Area/Pocket Creek, Mt. Hood, OR

We will be skiing from the Teacup Nordic area groomed trails toward Pocket Creek area. Please bring \$10 for the trail fee. This tour is an option for the ONC-PDX charter bus trip. Leader Ted Scheinman will be riding the ONC-PDX charter bus. For transportation to the ski area you have the following options: meet the ski bus at 8:00 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave., meet at Otto’s Ski and Mountain Bike shop, 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy (in the parking lot behind the store), at 8:50 a.m., or travel your own to Teacup Nordic area meeting at about 10:00 a.m. The bus will return to Portland by 5:00 p.m. Info and bus sign up: onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours **For more info, and to coordinate where to meet contact the leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com**

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Kick back and enjoy the ride on the ONC-PDX sponsored Ski Bus. Come ski at the Teacup Nordic area groomed trails—20 km (12 miles) of easy to most difficult options. There will be easy ski tours

Nordic Ski Patrollers’ tryouts

The Mt. Hood Nordic Ski Patrol is looking for volunteers. Tryouts are going to occur on Sunday March 10, at Ski Bowl. Volunteers need to fill out an application and bring it with them to the tryout. More info about requirements and how to get involved can be found on this website: mthoodskipatrol.org/www/pmwiki.php?n=Join.JoinThePatrol

Washington State School for the Blind volunteers

We are looking for seven new volunteers to help guide visually impaired (VI) and blind students on Wednesday March 13. We expect a record 38 WSSB students and have 29 volunteers, but more are needed! We will help you with registration and train you with indoor review and outdoor cross-country ski sessions to insure you are comfortable guiding. Please contact Richard Fay, Teacup volunteer: rrfay@comcast.net

led by club members (see day tour listing above). Please bring \$10 for the trail fee. There are options for ski lessons, see the website listed below. The ONC-PDX Ski Bus leaves Gateway/Northwest 99th Avenue Transit Center parking garage, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave., at 7:55 a.m. (check in at 7:45 a.m.). The bus has a pick up in Sandy at Otto’s Ski and Mountain Bike shop 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy (in the parking lot behind the store) at about 8:50 a.m. (check in at 8:40 a.m.), and arrives at Teacup Nordic area at about 10:00 a.m. (depending on road conditions). The bus will return to Portland by 5:00 p.m. Info and sign up for the bus: onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus **For more info contact Ken Barker 503.524.9192 xcskibus@gmail.com**

Jan 30, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we’ll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield’s West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Kathy Burns burnskathrynl@gmail.com 503.429.4024.**

Common meeting places: Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center, NE Sandy Blvd. & NE 96th Ave. McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, take I-84 to Exit 16 (Wood Village) turn right, go to Halsey (1st stop light) turn left, go 1/2 mile, it’s on the right.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer, please contact board or committee members. (see sidebar p. 2–3).

Leadership Training Help us increase the number of day tour and overnight trip leaders.

Publicity/Articles Are you a writer, help with articles on cross-country skiing.

Membership Help increase membership. Connect with new members and various membership service tasks.

Day Tours Lead ski tours. If interested in leading a tour contact the day tours committee.

Trail Tending Work on the winter trails.

Tilly Jane Help with the A-Frame and/or Guard Station Cabins. Info: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

Board Member Some seats open every year in March. This is a great way to get involved in the club.

Facebook Help post to the ONC-PDX Facebook page. How we can make the page more fun?

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ◆ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership (online under "Membership") before signing up.
- ◆ 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 side-bar page 7)!
- ◆ Sign-up online
- ◆ Sign up early so we'll have enough people to cover trip costs.
- ◆ If the trip is full, join the wait list, call the trip leader for info. Last minute openings do occur!
- ◆ Purchase trip insurance. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place, if you cancel. Check onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Note: Paper ONC-PDX overnight trip applications (available on the website) can be used to sign up, contact the trip leader for where to send them.

Jan 4–6, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Telemark Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

This trip also available the following weekends: February 1–3, March 1–3, and April 5–7

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin 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 intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 15 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and Tilly Jane (TJ) cabin volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member or TJ volunteer before signing up for this trip.

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.



Jan 12–20, Sat–Sun, Intermediate Ski British Columbia Mega Ski, Logan Lake, BC and Chelan, WA

One space available*

We will plan on a long one-day drive up and a one-day drive back. We will spend four nights at Logan Lake at a Bed and Breakfast with breakfast and dinner and sack lunch for four days included. We will ski at Stake Lake (60 km) Groomed Skate and Classic, Logan Lake (34 km) Groomed Skate and Classic, Kane Valley (50 km) Ungroomed Classic. We will then drive to near Apex – stay in a Condo and ski Nickel Plate Cross Country 6000 ft. elevation (56 km) Groomed Skate and Classic and maybe Telemark XC (50 km) Groomed Skate and Classic. Then drive across the border to Chelan and ski Echo Ridge (25 miles Groomed) Skate or Classic, before driving home the next day after staying in a motel. Three nights we will cook our own meals and make lunches, included. The last night we will eat out, not included in trip cost. All resorts have warming lodges. Trail Passes are extra at \$12-15 CAD per day. We will plan on carpooling, food during the driving days is on your own. Passports required and no DUI's on record or other items.

Trip limit: 7 "serious skiers," plus leader.

Cost: \$610/member, per person. Includes eight nights' lodging and most meals.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (hm) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Jan 14–17, Mon–Thur, All Ability Ski Summit Meadow Cabins, Trillium, Mt. Hood, OR

Four spaces available*

Here's your chance to stay on Mt. Hood and ski many of its trails without having to drive down the mountain at the end of the day. Skiing choices without driving include many of the trails in the Trillium basin and Government Camp area or driving to Bennett Pass, Twin Lakes, or others. While this is an all ability ski, the group usually divides into two ski groups, one doing intermediate to advance backcountry skis and the other doing easy to intermediate skis. We will stay three nights in a house with two bedrooms and a loft, which will accommodate ten people. We will cook communally for breakfasts and dinners.

Trip limit: 10 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$75/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Mary Hepokoski 503.245.1618 hepomp8@comcast.net

Jan 17–20, Thur–Sun, All Ability Ski (with Intermediate skills recommended)

Odell Lake/Willamette Pass, OR—Trip 1

Trip full, wait list open*

Willamette Pass offers an extensive variety of groomed and backcountry trails. Classic backcountry will be the

cont. from sidebar page 6 (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 bivvy 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

Trip Participation

1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid at that time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club project weekends, which are open to non-member volunteers.

2. Overnight trip sign-ups are done *online* at the club website: onc-pdx.org/activities then click on "Overnight Trips." The website will begin accepting applications on a day and at a time specified by the ONC-PDX Board of Directors, with registration usually occurring during the week following the October general meeting. Once accepted, the trip applicants will receive a confirmation email. To complete the sign-up process, the member must email a completed an Overnight Trip Application (onc-pdx.org continued on sidebar on p. 8)

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pdx.org then click on "Members Only" then on "Forms") to the trip leader, including their signed waiver and release of liability as required by the club.
3. If a trip appears to be full during the registration process, applicants should contact the trip leader directly to: (i) confirm that the trip is actually full; and (ii) if full, to be placed on the trip wait list as cancellations are relatively common.

4. Trip leaders have the authority to not accept a trip participant application if the applicant does not appear to have the appropriate level of skiing ability for the trip; or (ii) bed availability does not match the a participant's circumstances, e.g., the applicant will be traveling alone, does not want to share a bed, and only one double bed remains available, which is better suited for another couple that has applied for the trip.
5. Trip leaders, after consulting with the ONC-PDX Board and Overnight Trip Committee (OTC), may also deny a trip application based on an applicant's behavior on previous ONC-PDX trips.

Wait list procedures

1. To be placed on a trip wait list, applicants must submit a completed trip application to the designated trip leader, along with a check for the full amount of the trip fee. If space becomes available, wait list participants may then choose to fill the space or decline.

2. Wait list checks will not be cashed until the wait list applicant has

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mainstream venue for this ski trip. You can skin up and hit the summit of Maiden Peak, or tame it a bit and ski the variety of trails, and have lunch at the shelters. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 7 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$200/member, per person.

For more info contact the trip leader: Sam Digard
sam.digard@gmail.com

**Jan 18–20, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

This trip also available the following weekends:
March 15–17, and April 12–14

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member, or TJ volunteer to sign up for this trip.

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

**Jan 18–21, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski MLK Weekend at Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine—the ideal ambience for a cross-country ski holiday. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 16 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$185/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Steve Levy
503.244.4262 slevy@pacifier.com

**Jan 23–27, Wed–Sun, All Ability Ski Anthony Lakes, Baker City, OR—Trip 1
Trip full, wait list open***

We will be staying at my favorite place, The Good Bear Ranch by Baker City. Skiing most days is at Anthony Lakes Resort. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 9 "lucky skiers," includes leader.

Cost: \$290/member, per person.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ken Wenzel
503.297.2958 (hm) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Jan 31–Feb 3, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 1

Trip full, wait list open*

We will ski at Walton Lake Trails and Bandit Springs; the last few years we have seen wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 6 participants plus leader (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ken Wenzel
503.297.2958 (hm) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

**Feb 1–3, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Black Butte Ranch, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Join us for two days of skiing in Central Oregon's Black Butte Resort near Sisters. Santiam Pass at 4,817 ft. is about 12 miles away with lots of ski loops and warming shelters. The Camp Sherman area nearby has skiing along the Metolius up to the river's headwaters or up Black Butte. The Three Creeks Area near Sisters offers more choices and views. The Hoodoo Ski Area is 13 miles away and has nearly 10 miles of groomed trails. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants (includes the leader).

Cost: \$140/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Donna Matrazzo 503.621.3049 matrazzo@msn.com

**Feb 1–3, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Telemark Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend
Spaces available***

(See January 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

**Feb 6–10, Wed–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski McCully Alpine Hut in the Wallowas, Eagle Cap Wilderness, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Backcountry skiing with an alpine flavor Oregon style! A three-night stay at McCully Alpine Hut exploring varied alpine terrain within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area in the Wallowas in Eastern Oregon awaits us.

At McCully Basin (Base Camp elevation 7,500 ft.) the ski terrain offers a wide variety for the backcountry skier, from low-angled gladed meadows to broad moderate north-facing alpine bowls surrounded by non-technical summits. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 12 participants, includes co-leaders.

Cost: \$355/member, per person. Not included: carpooling, not-included meals, etc.

For more info contact the trip co-leaders: David Bath 503.819.8551 dbath4@gmail.com and Kate McPherson 306.609.1453 k8tmcp@gmail.com

**Feb 8–10, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Shelter Cove Resort at Odell Lake—Trip 2
Willamette Pass, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Odell Lake is situated at 4,800 feet just over the top of Willamette Pass east of Eugene on Hwy. 58. We will stay at Shelter Cover Resort, in Kokanee Lodge.

See website for full trip description.

Trip limit: 10 participants, includes leader.

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

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Cost: \$90/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

**Feb 10–14, Sun–Thur, All Ability Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 2
Trip full, wait list open***

There is no place like the Methow Valley in North Central Washington for endless skiing in perfect conditions. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 people (3 couples, 6 singles).

Cost: \$205/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging. Not included: required trail passes; \$24/day, \$60/3-days

For more info contact the trip leader: Elke Schoen elkeschoen@msn.com 503.239.9286

**Feb 14–17, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 2
Trip full, wait list open***

We'll ski in small groups in beautiful Ponderosa Pine country away from the crowds. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Steve Planchon, 503.467.8699 scplanchon@gmail.com

**Feb 15–19, Fri–Tue, All Ability Ski Sunriver President's Day Weekend (Tuesday bonus stay over), OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Come to Sunriver to enjoy a long weekend in the sunny and snowy Central Cascades in mid-February! (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 10 participants (includes trip leader).

Cost: \$190/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Richard Crimi, 503.726.8998 richard_crimi@hotmail.com

**Feb 22–24, Fri–Sun, Easy Ski Sunriver Groomed Trail Skiing, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Relax and enjoy two easy days of skiing on groomed trails, and evenings filled with good food, games and conversation. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$150/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Debby Wenzel 503.422.1524 (cell), 503.297.2958 (hm) debbyras@msn.com

**Feb 28–Mar 4, Thur–Mon, All Ability Ski Wallowa Mountains, Joseph, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Come spend four days skiing eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, where the mountains are steep and the snow is dry! We'll stay in one large house near Joseph. There are opportunities for all levels of skiing in the area, however

there are no groomed trails. There are easy to intermediate trails at Salt Creek Summit and McCully Creek Trail from McCully Basin to explore.

(See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$210/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt 503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com

**Mar 1–3, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski and Snowshoe Crater Lake Classic via charter bus, Crater Lake, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

The Classic Crater Lake ski trip is back! The Crater Lake rim, at 7,000 feet, averages 44 feet of snow a year. Join the ONC-PDX for the traditional trip to Crater Lake.

Bob Breivogel



We'll board the deluxe coach in Portland at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and proceed down I-5 while sharing in the world famous "Rolling Pot-Luck." The next morning after a hearty gourmet breakfast at the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn, we 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. We will separate into groups based on abilities and endurance. A gourmet dinner will be provided on Saturday night at Inn, Sunday will be another day of different trails, different tours, and more exploring. We can even take a ranger led interpretive snowshoe tour. Later in the afternoon, we'll board our coach and head toward home, stopping for a special dinner on the way, arriving back in Portland about 10:00 p.m.

There are two options for accommodations: \$300/person for the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn (one double or queen bed in each room for two people); or \$275/person in the adjacent Motel building (rooms with two or three beds per room). The Inn costs more \$25 per person. Please indicate which you wish.

Contact leader for accommodation options before signing up.

Trip limit: 45 participants include leader.

Cost: \$275–\$300/member, per person depending on lodging choice and availability. Includes all bus transportation, two breakfasts, a gourmet dinner, and a dinner on the way home.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

Mar 1–3, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Telemark Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

(See January 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

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been moved from the wait list to the active trip roster. The check will be destroyed when the trip leader determines that a cancellation is unlikely or upon the request of the wait list applicant. Wait list applicants will be notified when the check is destroyed.

Trip Cancellation Policy

1. Trip fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless the trip leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the cancelling participants.
2. Participants needing to cancel a trip should contact the trip leader immediately so that wait-listed applicants can be considered for placement on the trip roster.
3. If a wait list exists, the trip leader will determine whether wait-listed applicants can be reasonably substituted for the cancelling participant(s). If a wait list does not exist, and sufficient time is available, the trip leader will advertise the trip availability through reasonable means available to the trip leader, typically through the web forum and club newsletter.
4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the cancelling participant, the cancelling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus: (i) \$10 for each participant associated with the cancellation; and (ii) 3% of the amount paid. All communications regarding trip cancellations and associated refund requests are to be directed to the trip leader, who will coordinate with other club members, as

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***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

cont. from sidebar page 9 needed, to ensure the proper handling of the cancellation notice and refund request. 5. If the club cancels the trip, the full amount paid will be refunded. Trip cancellations are decided by the OTC. Travel Insurance. To avoid the loss of trip fees or deposits, the club strongly recommends that trip participants purchase travel insurance, which is available from a variety of providers. Please see (onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance) for the current listing of some trip insurance companies.

Policy and Procedure Waivers

The Board reserves the right to waive any overnight trip policy or procedure when in the best interest of the club to do so. ◆

ONC-PDX MEMBER BENEFITS

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

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

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Mar 10–13, Sun–Wed, Intermediate Ski Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 3

Two spaces available*

Small group classic skiing in Big Pine Country!

We will drive over on Thursday hoping to arrive in time for an evening ski before dinner. We will ski the Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails. The last few years ONC-PDX skiers have seen wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin.



Karen Sulher

If snow is lacking we will do some hikes in the local area and over at the Painted Hills in the John Day Fossil beds. There are always fun things to do in that part of the State. Participants are responsible for their own breakfasts and lunches. Dinners will be potluck. I'm looking forward to skiing in the big pines again after 30 years!

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Laurel Dickie 503.415.1922 laureldickie@hotmail.com

Mar 9–14, Sat–Thur, All Ability Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 3 One space available*

ONC-PDX skiers return to the Methow Valley over and over again for a simple reason, the snow conditions and trail quality rarely disappoint. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 km of trails through the 2,000 ft. valley floor and into the adjacent hills and mountains, with some trails reaching the 4,000 ft. level. With longer days and warmer temperatures, the March trip to the Methow is not to be missed.

We will travel to Winthrop Washington on Saturday, meeting at our two side-by-side luxury condos for a casual evening planning session for the upcoming days. Participants are responsible for their own dinner the first night, as well as breakfasts and lunches during our stay. Dinners the following 4 nights will be potluck, prepared in fully equipped kitchens.

If you have wanted to learn or brush up on your skate skiing skills, lessons and ski rentals are available in Winthrop and Mazama. And, if you are inclined, there is an ice skate rink in town.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader and leader's partner.

Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes five nights' lodging; trail passes are \$24/day, \$60/3-days.

For more info contact the trip leader: Shannon Planchon 503.467.8599 shannon.planchon@gmail.com

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Advanced Intermediate Backcountry Ski Sisters Hut to Hut Trip, Three Sisters Wilderness, OR Trip full, wait list open*

This is a 22-mile hut-to-hut tour from Dutchman Flat near Mt. Bachelor to Three Creeks Sno-Park near Sisters. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$310/member, per person. Includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included!

For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt 503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 18–20 Tilly Jane Guard Station description)

Mar 15–18, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR Five spaces available*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge in the Deschutes National Forest boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing thru the grounds, and the ideal ambience for a xc ski holiday. Check it out online: lakecreeklodge.com.



Dean K.

We'll carpool over on Friday, have a traditional ONC-PDX potluck dinner on Saturday, Sunday we can do creative leftovers or dine at the Lodge. Ski options are many - Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky at 3,000 ft. elevation, right out the door of our cabins. Separate rooms for couples/genders. Lodging is two cabins with 3 Queens, 6 twin beds.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$220/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the leader: Greg Wenneson 503.460.7231 gregwenn@sonic.net

Mar 21–31, Thur–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced (hut-to-hut) Ski Norway Dream Ski Trip, Jotenheimen National Park, Norway Trip full, wait list open*

This year, we will ski in the Jotenheimen National Park – the name is translated as the Home of the Giants! This popular area contains the highest mountains in Norway and is the perfect destination for a rigorous hut-to-hut ski trip. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 15 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$2495/member, per person (estimated).

Includes round-trip airfare from Portland to Oslo, nine nights' lodging, all meals except during travel, and the last dinner in Oslo.

Make a deposit of \$1,000. The final payment of \$1,495 is due on December 15, 2018, to secure the special group airfare.

For more info contact the leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

Mar 22–24, Fri–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski John Craig Memorial Ski Tour, Black Butte, OR Three spaces available*

The Annual John Craig Nordic Ski Tour will be held on March 23 on the McKenzie Pass Highway in Sisters Oregon. People from all over the state participate in this fun, non-competitive event. The tour is an out and back on a gentle forest road through the beautiful Deschutes National Forest. In good weather an average skier can reach Dee Wright Observatory in about three hours and Windy Point in two, and the return trip takes about half the amount of time they took to climb.

Sunday ski tour options include Santiam Pass, Hoodoo ski area (fee), or Three Creeks.

Carpools will be encouraged. Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday plus Friday dinner will be potlucks. A pizza dinner at the Best Western Ponderosa Lodge in Sisters, is held in conjunction with the presentation of the John Day

Trophy for ONC excellence in leadership.

Trip Limit: 8 participants, include leader.

Cost: \$135/member, per person. Includes lodging and the pizza dinner on Saturday night.

For more info contact the leader: Mary Bourret 503.201.3940 marybourret@gmail.com

Apr 5–7, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

(See Jan 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

Apr 12–14, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 18–20 Tilly Jane Guard Station description) ♦

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

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

Next Adventure 426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount at Next Adventure for ONC-PDX members, current club membership card required. nextadventure.net

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 10% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. Cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

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

Jupiter Hotel PDX and Hood River Hotel in Hood River give ONC-PDX members a 15% off online booking.

Welcome new members! Steve Acker and Lynda Bishop, Li Alligood and Paul Auerbach, Robert, Traci, Frederic, and Sidney Anderson, Don Belden, Charles and Josie Blanke, Katherine Cooke, Carla Danley, Adrienne Feldstein and Russ Ratto, Marian Fish and Rick Rappaport, Sam Garrison, Jeffrey Gottfried and Marcia Danab, Pam Helling, Nicolle Hofmann, Sheryl Horwitz and Larry Knudsen, Eric Knopf, Cheryl Kolbe, Theresa Muth, Ashley Parkinson, Noa Rubin, Jean Sekula, Diana Shafer, Carolyn Smithee, Kelly-Marie Sutton and William Wehl, Susan Svensson, and Claire Valla

Welcome back: Linda Moore

December membership report: 292 total memberships (202 single and 91 family), includes 25 new and 1 rejoining memberships. Last year at this time there were 255 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting for December were not available.

Next Board meeting: January 29, 1:00 p.m. at MMC

Laurel Dickie, *Secretary* ♦

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ▶ 2007 Subaru Outback Almost 200,000 gentle miles, but meticulously maintained (service records available). This car has transported many of you on ski trips I have led! **\$3,900, obo. Ted teds skier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 3/19**

FOR SALE: ▶ Skis Silent Spider backcountry, 189 cm, with NNN BC bindings. These skis are too short for me (or rather I am too heavy for them!). Great for climbing and backcountry skiing. **\$110, obo. Ted teds skier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 3/19**

FOR SALE: ▶ Skis Rossignol backcountry, waxless (190 cm - Evo Trail Positrac) with heavy-duty Voile 3-pin bindings. I used these only once. **\$50. Clayton claytonhaw@gmail.com 3/19**

WANTED: ▶ 3-pin waxless ski like the Catamount. I am short and need 182's or shorter. **Claudia claudia.montange@gmail.com 1/19**

FOR SALE: ▶ Skis Backcountry Karhu Catamount 190 cm waxless, 3-pin Voile cable bindings good condition. \$50. ▶ Skins Pamoca Climbing skins older but barely used, like new condition \$50. David dkb123@outlook.com 1/19

WANTED: ▶ Used ski equipment for a beginner. Women's waxless XC skis, boots and poles? 5'8" tall, 170 lbs, sz. 10 shoe. **Sharon (text only) 818.642.8200 violaeng@gmail.com. 1/19**

FOR SALE: ▶ Snow tires. 4 mounted studless Observe mud/snow tires 205/55R-16 Les Schwab will install and remove for free every season. Used minimally 2 seasons. **\$750 Shemaya shemaya_toyou@yahoo.com 1/19**

Deadline: 15th of the month (for the next month's publication). **Free ads for members only**, placed on a first come basis, and may be edited depending on space availability. Send to: **oncnewsletter@gmail.com as attachment (preferred)**—(with no formatting i.e., bold, italic, or tabs), 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.**

Getting started with Telemark and AT skiing

Shelley Hakanson of Wy'East Nordic will be doing a "show and tell" presentation about Telemark and AT skiing. There will be a primer for those of you who haven't skied on Telemark or AT equipment yet, how skins are used, plus an update on the latest equipment for those of you who have previous experience. There will be plenty of time for question and answer also. For more about Shelley and the classes her company offers see: wyeastnordic.com



Lucky Labrador Brewing Company
1945 NW Quimby St.
Tuesday, January 8
(second Tuesday)
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Telemark and AT skiing
Food/Beverages available \$

Door prize: Pick up a ticket at the meeting for the drawing—you must be present to win.

Upcoming programs

- February 5–Ski Mountaineering: Circumnavigation of Mt. Baker
- March 5–National Parks of SW Utah
- April 2–The Magic of Madagascar
- May 7–“Ever Wild: A Lifetime on Mount Adams” Darryl Lloyd

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located between NW 20th Ave. and NW 19 Ave. in
Northwest Portland.

