



Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.



Minutes of Caretaker meeting, May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:32 PM.

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Steve Plant, Becky Wolf, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Kim Owen, Bob Arkes, Pam Owen, Steve Queen, Jack Konner.

The following trail projects are still open. There will be a May 15 training at Trout Lake. Registration for other training sessions is closed.

- June 19-21 - *Big Huckleberry*. Log-out and tread repair. Camp at Crest Camp - Some meals provided. Medium difficulty hiking, 6-8 miles each day. Crew leader: Bill Hawley.
- June 21 - *Barlow Pass Trailhead to junction with Lower Twin Lakes*. First logout of the season, and treadwork as needed. 6 volunteers needed. Crew leader: Roberta Cobb.
- June 26-28 - *Indian Heaven Wilderness*. Log-out and crosscut certification. Camp at Forlorn Lakes - Some meals provided. Medium difficulty hiking, 8-10 miles each day. Crew leader: Bill Hawley.
- June 26-28 - *Ramona Falls, Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon*. Eight volunteers needed for logout (using crosscut saws) and maintenance of the PCT between Ramona Falls and Paradise Park. Backpack in 4 miles Friday evening or Saturday morning to work site. Backpack out Sunday afternoon. This will be an opportunity to receive USFS Crosscut training and certification. Crew Leaders: Kim & Pam Owen.
- July 8 - *South of Mount Adams*. 6 Maintainers Needed for Non-Wilderness Log Out. William's Mine Trail Head. Forest Service Road #23 to Wilderness Boundary. Easy Hiking. Approximately 2 Miles. Crew leader: Bob Arkes.
- July 10-12 - *Joe Graham Horse Camp to Jude Lake*. The North Valley Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails will be performing annual maintenance on their section of PCT using multiple crews accessing the PCT from different trailheads. Crew leader: Becky Wolf.
- July 10-16 - *Buck Peak*. This AmeriCorps project will entail brushing and reconstructing slumped tread. Project Difficulty is Level 2 - 3, daily hike distance from camp to work site is 1 - 2 miles. Volunteers will backpack to Buck Camp location. Water is from a nearby spring. Contact: Dana Berthold, Tel.: 541-844-9133, E-mail: dberthold@pcta.org.
- July 24-26 - *South of Mount Adams*. 6 Maintainers Needed for Wilderness Log Out. William's Mine Trail Head. Wilderness Boundary to Horseshoe Meadow. Moderate to Difficult Hiking. Approximately 6 to 8 Miles. Car Camp at William's Mine Trail Head. Some Meals Provided. Crew leader: Bob Arkes.
- August 2-8 - *Eagle Creek*. 12 volunteers needed. Work level moderate to difficult, Backpacking involved. Work involves brushing, root removal and tread repair of the south half of the Eagle Creek Trail, from Tunnel Falls to Wahtum Lake. Base camp will be at Wahtum Lake where this favored alternative of the Pacific Crest Trail down to Cascade Locks begins. The trail descends from 3800 feet. Years of neglect have left it badly eroded and new fill and water bars will be needed in many places. Side springs and seasonal creeks will require the wearing of water resistant footwear. Hand tools will be used in the Hatfield Wilderness. Removal of debris and cables from an abandoned fire lookout site will be done before leaving Wednesday for rest and recuperation at Hood River that evening.
- August 10-15 - *Paradise Park*. This AmeriCorps project will entail improving drainage and repairing rutted tread in the Mt. Hood Wilderness. Project Difficulty is Level 2 - 3. The backcountry camp is located at Paradise Park near historic Timberline Lodge and Ramona Falls. Daily hike distance from camp to work site is 1 - 2 miles. Contact: Dana Berthold, Tel.: 541-844-9133, E-mail: dberthold@pcta.org.
- August 18-25 - *Horseshoe Meadow*. AmeriCorps project. Details to follow.

Roberta Cobb's May 17 work party is canceled due to too much snow.

Kim Owen will lead a Timberline to Ramona Falls scouting party on July 6.

Bill Hawley will lead a work party for Skamania County High School on July 6, 7, 8, & 9.

Jerry Bentz will lead a work party on August 15.

Ruth Weston will lead a logout from Timberline to Paradise Park on July 12. Crosscut sawyers are needed.

Bill Hawley, John Cunningham & Kim Owen led Chainsaw and crosscut saw certifications on April 27, May 2 & May 11. At the 15th -17th training event at Westfir Bill Hawley will attend to help with crosscut saw Certifications. Kim Owen will be going to Allingham on May 29th - 31st to do the same. After a discussion it was confirmed that instructors can certify only in their National Forest, but their certifications are valid in all of Region 6 (Oregon, Washington & Idaho).

A work party on Steve's Washington section was led by Bill Hawley.

The Zigzag Ranger District has announced that the position formerly held by Mary Ellen has been filled. She is McKenzie Jensen from the Umpqua NF. She grew up in Oak Ridge, OR. McKenzie has several seasons working in the Three Sisters Wilderness, more seasons in Bob Marshall and Eagle Caps. She worked her way up from a YCC crew member to YCC leader to FS trail crew to FS trail crew leader. She climbed Mt. Hood when she was 13 and loves to telemark and climb and other outdoor more ambitious sports. She has lots of time on chainsaws, cross cut saws, brush saws, loppers, etc. etc. She has experience working with volunteers, wilderness permits (limited use permits too), LNT, wilderness site restoration, trail maintenance, horse packing and other important aspects of this job, She currently works with field data recorders and has more than a working knowledge with GPS, GIS, and computer applications.

A Wilderness First Aid training will be held in November.

Treasurers Report - Kim Owen

2009 Budget Allocation:

Supplies \$1,000

Tools \$2,000

Roy Boys \$500

Bill Hawley expressed a need for a grip hoist.

Tool Report - Jerry Bentz

Minor purchases will be allowed up to \$200

A south tool cache is being considered in Oregon City, with possible use of a trailer.

Hand tools will be available from the Forest Service

It was suggested that all Crosscut saws be engraved with name & number.

It was agreed to hold the Potluck at Champoeg State Park on September 12. Suggestions for a morning program of a training session, hike or other option will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Trails Skills College still has a need for instructors in tread work and brushing.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Konner

Secretary