

Chinook Trek #20

August 1996

Fall Annual Meeting Set For Vancouver's New Water Resource Center

The Chinook Trail Association's annual fall meeting will be held at Vancouver's Water Resource Center on Sunday, November 3, 1996 at 12:00 noon. The Resource Center is located east of Marine Park which is located at the east end of the Columbia Way Industrial Park. CWIP is accessible from the signal on Highway 14 near the construction site of the new highway interchange. Turn south at the signal

and follow the signing to Marine Park and the Resource Center.

Catering for lunch will be done by My Sister and I. There will be a tour of the Resource Center. A donation is asked to cover expenses. The meeting will start immediately after lunch.

Following the meeting we will be led on a walk of the newly completed Renaissance Trail on the Tidewater property by Linda Hickey of the

Tidewater Corporation. A brief history of the trail will be presented.

Special recognition awards will be given. Commemorative walking stick, pins and patches will be available for purchase. A featured speaker and other program details are being developed and will be announced later. For additional information call Fred Rogers 360-256-2927.

Commemorative Walking Sticks

A special offering of commemorative walking sticks was unveiled at the dedication of Ed's Trail. There are three different individual walking stick logos available. They commemorate the Cedar Creek Falls Trail, Ed's Trail and the

Chinook Trail. Each walking stick was hand crafted by a Chinook Trail Board member. A metal decal of the Chinook Trail Association's logo is displayed on each walking stick along with the appropriate trail design. The base price for one

logo decal mounted on a walking stick is \$10.00, each additional logo is \$5.00. Walking sticks may be ordered by calling the Chinook Trail office at 360-695-7149. Sorry, due to costs, no mail orders please.

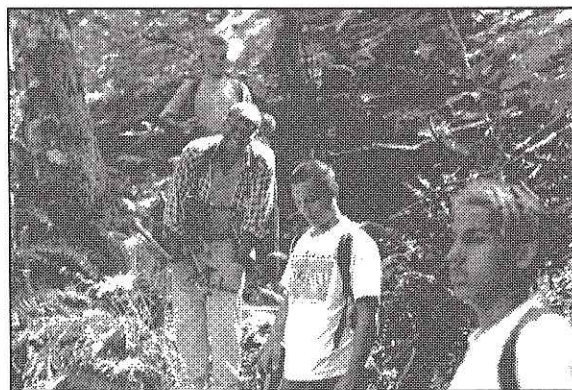
Summer Youth Employment

Youth from the Education Service District 112 have completed an eight week summer work experience in partnership with Chinook Trail Association. The ESD 112 contracts with the Private Industry Council of Southwest Washington to provide a work experience for youth from low income circumstances. This year's crew was led by Chilly Johnson of ESD 112. Barry O'Rourke was Crew Chief. Crew members were Kenyon Elliot, Allen Lowery, Steven Gomez, Nathan Gillander, Chris McNamara and Leroy Basquez. The Summer Youth Employment Program is administered by Susan Gilson.

The SYEP crew cleared over three miles of trail on the proposed Bells Mountain connector. This trail will connect Moulton Falls County Park with the Tarbell Trail at Cold Creek Campground. You will recall this campground is the location of the Cedar Creek Falls Overlook and Trail for physically challenged individuals.

The nine-mile Bells Mountain Connector Trail is a cooperative effort of the Chinook Trail Association, Clark County and the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The work was hard and difficult as the terrain was steep and the trail was



SYEP Crew on Bell's Mtn.: Nathan Gillander, Kenyon Elliot, Chilly Johnson-ESD leader, and Leroy Basquez.

(Photo by Don Cannard)

blocked by numerous old blow downs. Great work team. Good luck in your future endeavors. Crew members were honored at a bar-b-que on their last day.

Ed's Trail Dedication

The dedication of Ed's Trail was held on the northwest slope of Silver Star Mountain at the junction of the Chinook Trail (Squaw Butte Connector) and Ed's Trail. The following poem was written by long time friend of Ed Robertson and local poet Arlene Paul. It was read on Saturday, August 17 by CTA Board member Florence Wager on the occasion of the dedication of the trail.

Earlier, a 400-pound engraved stone was installed by Florence Wager, Brad Wager, Don Cannard and Paul Clare. The stone marks the trail and recognizes Ed Robertson and the Chinook Trail.

Lynn Roberts, manager of the Mt. St. Helens District and Monument, dedicated the trail and accepted the trail on behalf of the United States Forest Service. Lynn also reviewed the history of the Silver Star area and paid tribute to Ed Robertson, co-founder of the Chinook Trail Association.

Joe Sunthimer, Ed's Trail Project Chair, spoke to the background of the construction of Ed's Trail and shared work party tales and experiences of those who worked on the project. The trail was built entirely with volunteer labor from the initial survey work, including the botanical surveys needed for approval, through the actual route location work and construction.

The weather cooperated and provided those attending with good weather and spectacular views of the surrounding Cascade Range and major peaks.

Ted Klump, Chinook Trail Association President, gave closing remarks by way of repeating the mission of the CTA to see a trail encircling the Columbia River Gorge, Vancouver Lake, Maryhill State Park, Biggs, and returning to Portland and Vancouver. This 300-mile loop trail, with its 200 miles of river connectors, continues to be a long term goal of the Association and its members.

Time for Ol' Ed

by Arlene Paul

Epigram: As long as you read this poem
I will be writing it...
even though you can't see me...
I will keep on writing it
even after I am dead.

Alden Nowlan

*In botany class Ed, with his soft smile, teased
my pronunciation of Latin names, explained meanings
of key words—pubescent, corolla, pinnately lobed—.*

*Field trips took us past granite boulders
that Indians believed held the spirits of those gone by,
past an alder tree an Indian bent double to mark his trail,
where Ed found a white crystal he called wealth.*

*His jaunty walk, his coined vocabulary stays with me:
"Angel's Rest is a four puffer trail."
"That Dog Mountain's a sartorius muscle buster."*

*We hiked the Silver Star, not fast,
but took it slow, because I couldn't keep up.
He pointed out what others in their haste missed:
a pika stacking its load of grass on talus rocks
for the sun to dry before scurrying
back to the meadow for more.*

*We startled a dark-eyed junco nesting
under a deer fern near Rock Creek Falls,
laughed as a dipper bobbled on a stone
in a creek meandering beside the trail.*



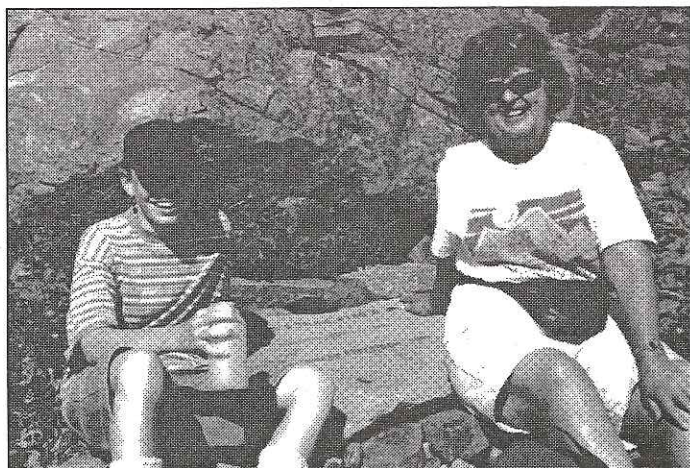
*We took time to sit upon a downed log
and observed a red-tail hawk sweep the sky,
time to feel the warmth of a rabbit's den,
time to walk on shaded paths through Bird Creek Meadows
looking for creamy Lewisia and Indian pipe.*

*We crouched beside bear grass, watched a gray squirrel
drop empty cones in a heap among the queen's cup.
He found red Clarkia and endangered lomatia in the Gorge,
calypso lilies and sea urchins in Puget Sound.*

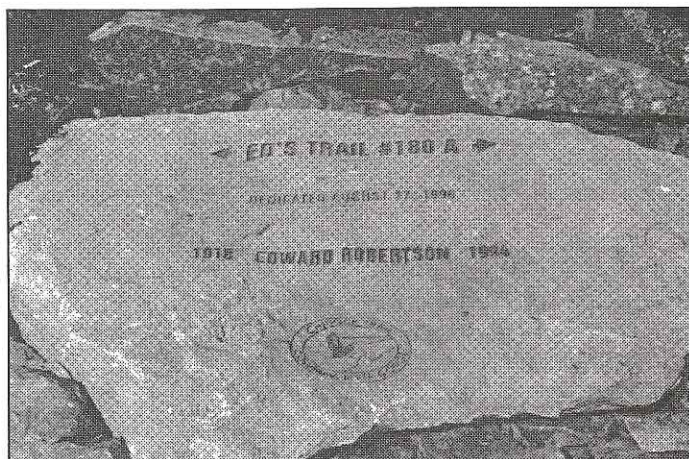
*My mind's eye sees Ed sitting on a moss covered boulder
watching the sun rise over the Silver Star,
in the evening, I'll hear the wind rustle
Ed's praise for the red sunset, a promise of a better day.*

*If, when wandering through the woods, I find an opaque opal,
or a green garnet, I'll treasure Ed's wealth,
and when I see a Lewisia, a pika,
or a willow bent double, Ed sees it again.*

*When I rest on a sun-drenched boulder and wonder
who walked this path before, I'll think of Ed,
and if a dark-eyed junco spooks on the trail ahead
and I can't see what startled it,
I'll know Ol' Ed is passing by.*



Brad and Florence Wager on occasion of installing the stone monument



Stone monument along Ed's Trail #180A

(Photos by Don Cannard)

Chinook Trail Renewal Drive Continues!

Our June newsletter included a flyer about the need to renew your membership in the Chinook Trail Association. Apparently many of you listened to our request and responded since many renewals were received by the middle of July! Thank you! And to those who haven't yet renewed, this should serve as a second reminder to you to pick up your checkbook and send in your dues.

As mentioned in the June newsletter, the CTA Board has voted to set **June, September, December, and March, as the months that *all* membership renewals will be due.** For example, new or renewing members sending their remittance now will not receive a notice until June of 1997. However, all future renewals for this member would be based on a June date regardless of the actual date of receipt by CTA. Those not renewing after two quarterly notices will be put on an inactive members list and will no longer receive the *Chinook Trek*. **After renewal, your renewal month will appear after your name on the address label with the newsletter.**

As always, your dues enable us to buy and replace trail building equipment, entitle you to quarterly updates in the *Chinook Trek*, and provide you with news of activities in the Gorge and invitations to special events.



Chinook Trail Association (CTA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Student/senior \$10 ☐ Institutional \$60 ☐ Sustaining \$100 ☐ Life \$500

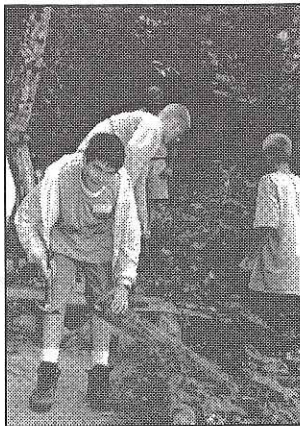
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Send application and remittance to: Chinook Trail Association, P.O. Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997

Members will receive CTA newsletter, "The Chinook Trek," and other mailings as appropriate to keep you informed of Chinook Trail progress.



Fall Work Party Dates

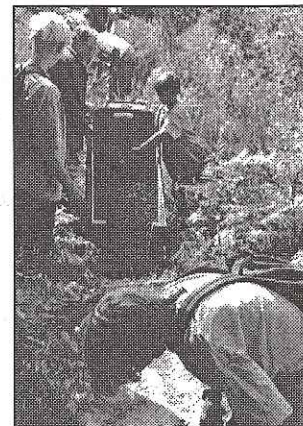
Mark your calendars now for the fall work party dates.

- SEPT. 14, 20 and OCT. 5—Moulton Falls County Park, work on Bells Mountain Connector, Squaw Butte or Tarbell Trails as needed.
- OCT. 19, NOV. 9 and 23—Beacon Rock State Park, work on Hardy Creek and Hamilton Mountain Trails.

Teacher - Mark Miller, Matt Yates, Lee Leofsen and Josh Whittaker

(Photos provided by Jemtegaard School)

Brendon Addis, Chance Bergeson, Bob Scullen and Ilya Krutskith



Please Note: Carpooling available. All work parties to the east depart from the Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot in Washougal. Work parties to the northeast depart from the WDOT Park and Ride at 134th Street. All departures are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and ETOR is 4:30 p.m. Bring your own trail tools. CTA will also provide tools if you have none. Wear appropriate work clothes including work gloves and boots and bring your own drinking water and lunch. Work parties will be held rain or shine so bring rain gear.

Gorge Appreciation Week

The Gorge Appreciation Week, sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, was celebrated at Beacon Rock State Park by the Chinook Trail Association with two trail work parties.

The students of the Jemtegaard Middle

School of Washougal School District participated in 'A Day of Commitment' on June 13. Nearly 40 students, grades 6 through 8, selected the service project to assist the Chinook Trail Association in a trail maintenance effort at Beacon Rock State Park. Don Cannard and Bob Scullen spent the better part of the day working with the students. Under Bob and Don's watchful eyes the students had a great time operating our two totes hauling crushed rock to a site under the power lines to a portion of the trail which has a particularly nasty clay base. "Now let it rain!"

They also rebuilt a bridge railing, cut brush and widened the tread on the trail leading to the Tunnel of the Winds Falls. "Who says young people don't pull their share?" The students were under the leadership of Jemtegaard teachers Tim Pfeifer, Mark Miller and Pete Forgy. Don and Bob were very impressed with the attitudes and eagerness of the students. This was a very impressive Community Service Project.

Steve Johnson, Beacon Rock Park Manager, reports, "The park must rely more and more on the able work of volunteers to do many of the tasks previously done by staff or left undone due to restricted budgeting." Thanks to the Jemtegaard School.

On June 14 Joe Sunthimer worked with a group of volunteers to upgrade the same trail system of Hamilton Mountain. The weather on both days was ideal for trail work, sunny with a slight breeze. The tiger lilies and columbine were just making a good showing as well as many other varieties of less obvious beauties.

There still remains much work to be done on the trail system to restore it to pre-1996 storm conditions. Call Ted Klump 360-695-7149 or Joe Sunthimer 360-253-9619 or Roger Anderson 360-254-2371 to get in on the action!

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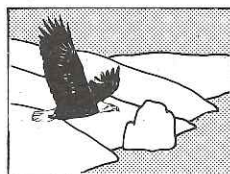
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