



Quest '97

CHINOOK QUEST 97 will focus on constructing a number of these necessary stream and wet area crossings. Materials alone cost twenty dollars a foot for a simple raised wooden structure crossing wet areas. The costs of constructing safe bridges that meet all engineering and safety qualifications can exceed tens of thousands of dollars. Culverts need to be very large in order to handle the severe water runoff conditions like those we experienced last winter. Each of these structures needs special footings and excavations requiring us to bring in portable power and earth moving equipment.

This construction program will be the most extensive CTA has ever undertaken. Your contribution will assist us in this endeavor. We will be contacting you in February with additional information about this project. For additional information call (360) 695-4179.

The Chinook Trail Association has identified four important projects for the coming year.

- The Bells Mountain Project will be a major undertaking. This nearly thirteen mile connector from Moulton Falls County Park to the Tarbell Trail system is part of a larger Clark County project for construction of a Lucia Falls to Moulton Falls Urban Trail. Our portion of this project includes extensive volunteer time for construction of the 13 mile Bells Mountain Trail, as well as



National Trails Day 1995. Volunteers working the Ed's Trail.

assisting in constructing and installing bridges and culverts.

- We will focus on upgrading six miles of the Tarbell Trail.
- We want to construct a bridge crossing Cedar Creek to accommodate wheelchairs

to enhance the forested and streamside experience at Cedar Creek Falls.

- Work in the Hamilton Mountain area includes bridges, culverts, elevated walkways, and construction of a connector to the Pacific Crest Trail.

Annual Meeting Largest Ever

Our annual fall meeting held at Vancouver's new Water Resource Center, was a grand success. We were greeted by Mayor Royce Pollard and given an opportunity to meet the new director of the combined City of Vancouver and Clark County Parks Department, Larry Smith. Nearly 100 people were in attendance. There were several highlights for the day which culminated with a hike on the Renaissance Trail led by Linda Mickey of the Tidewater Corporation and Kelly Puntenev, Renaissance Project Leader. Another feature was a presentation by Dan Huntington, CTA member and resident of

Prindle, on the Cape Horn Park and Trail proposal. We also heard about the coming American Volkssport Association international event from Bill Byrd, local coordinator of AVA. This will occur in April. All in all it was a very full afternoon. Awards were presented to Ted Stubblefield and accepted by his designee, Tom Knappenberger, for the leadership he has shown in the preservation of the Silver Star Special Interest Area, from trail construction to permanent closure and obliteration of the 4109 Road. Andy Huck of the Clark Public Utilities was presented with a plaque for the role of the Clark Public Utilities

Employees Community Action participation in the construction of the Cedar Creek Falls Overlook Trail and Platform. Glenn Lamb, CTA board member and Clark County Parks and Recreation planner, was recognized for his able assistance in facilitating work agreements with Clark County and the Chinook Trail Association in order for work to begin on the Bells Mountain Connector Trail. President Klump gave a brief review of the accomplishments of CTA during the 1996 construction year and invited all to join with CTA to have an equally successful year in 1997.

Certificate of Achievement

The Chinook Trail Association was presented with a surprise at the dedication of Ed's Trail on August 18. Lynn Roberts, Mt. St. Helens Monument and District Ranger, presented President Ted Klump and Ed's Trail coordinator Joe Sunthimer with a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Chief of the Forest Service Jack Ward Thomas. The Silver Star Mountain area is administered from the St. Helens office in Amboy. It was a grand day culminating with a wildflower hike on the trail led by Nancy Russell, President Emeritus of the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge.



Certificate of Achievement

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**Chinook Trail
Association**

For Your Significant Contribution Towards
Conserving and Managing Natural Resources
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Jack Ward Thomas
Forest Service Official

April 22, 1996

Date



Chinook Trail Association (CTA)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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 mailing as appropriate to keep you informed of Chinook Trail progress.

CTA in Retrospect

Thanks to the generosity of many individuals, corporations, agencies and a select few foundations, the Chinook Trail Association has been able to see completion of several significant trail projects.

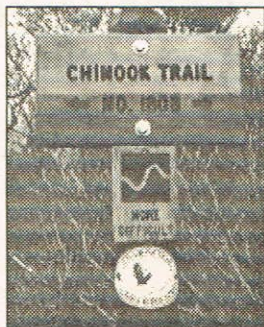
The most recent of those is the one-and-a-half-mile long Ed's Trail on the Silver Star Mountain. This trail leads the hiker into a spectacular bluff area with commanding views of the surrounding countryside including impressive glimpses of four major Cascade peaks - the mountains St. Helens, Adams, Rainier and Hood. Each of these peaks figure prominently in the lives of all who cherish living here.

The Cedar Creek Falls Trail and Overlook, another completed CTA project, was designed and constructed to provide those with mobility problems forested streamside access and viewing experiences.

The three-mile-long Squaw Butte Trail connects the thirty-mile-long Washington Department of Natural Resources Tarbell Trail with the trails of the Silver Star Special Interest Scenic Area. This segment has been named the Chinook Trail by the Forest Service. This hiker, equestrian, and mountain bike trail leads the user from low elevations to the top of 4,390-foot Silver Star Mountain. This segment also provides access to the Bluff Mountain Trail. This trail extends the Chinook Trail concept to within reach of the Pacific Crest Trail by way of Three Corner Rock Trail.

The Chinook Trail Association has worked closely with representatives of the USFS to develop a management plan for the Silver Star Special Interest Scenic Area. From this plan a trail system for the area has been developed, trails constructed or improved, and an abandoned road put to sleep and converted to a trail under the Roads to Trail Project of the USFS. CTA gave this considerable assistance. CTA volunteers contributed botanical expertise to assist in this project and constructed several miles of trail.

The Chinook Trail Association acts as a steward for the Hamilton Mountain-Hardy Creek Trail system in Beacon Rock State Park. This is an



Chinook Trail sign on Square Butte in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

ongoing project of replacing and cleaning out culverts, upgrading bridges, railings and constructing new, improved stream crossings and upgrading the trail tread.

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Tarbell Trail is over twenty years old and needs major upgrades. Over six miles of this trail is a part of the Chinook Trail vision. The Chinook Trail Association has taken a stewardship role for this portion. There are numerous small and large stream crossings which need yearly effort to maintain. In addition, erosion threatens adjacent streams and must be corrected. Time, usage and winter storms take their toll of these older trails. CTA does its part in rehabilitating this system.

The Ellen Davis Trail, a two-and-a-half-mile City of Vancouver urban trail, has received considerable attention from CTA from the handling of water run-off to serious brushing and blackberry control.

Several other trails in the Columbia River Gorge have been assisted through efforts by the Chinook Trail Association. Trails such as PCT, Dog Mountain, Augspurger, Dalles Waterfront, the 400 Trail, Lewis and Clark State Park Trail running below Broughton Bluff and Indian Creek in Hood River have been projects receiving a helping hand from the Chinook Trail Association.

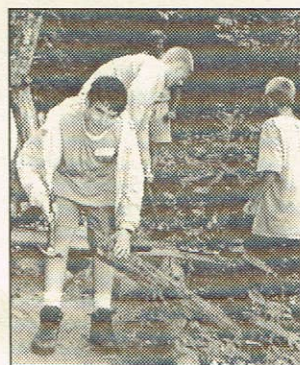
Many partnerships make the trail a reality.

Most notable of these is with the Private Industry Council of Southwest Washington

through our affiliation with Educational Service District 112. CTA has participated in the job training program for disadvantaged youth of our community with these organizations. CTA also has assisted ESD 112 in the Re-entry Program for those youth attempting to get back into school after a weapons charge. The assistance of this program has benefited both the youth and the trails of our region. CTA members working with this program feel good about the results of the efforts of these young people.

Chinook Trail has profited through association with the Clark Public Utilities Community Service Program. Clark employees gave considerable time and talents to lay tread and construct a temporary bridge over Cedar Creek.

Obviously our partnerships have been essential. Our urban trail efforts with the City of Vancouver and Clark County Parks and Recreation Departments have been most successful. The Chinook Trail Association strives to maintain and develop strong relationships with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington



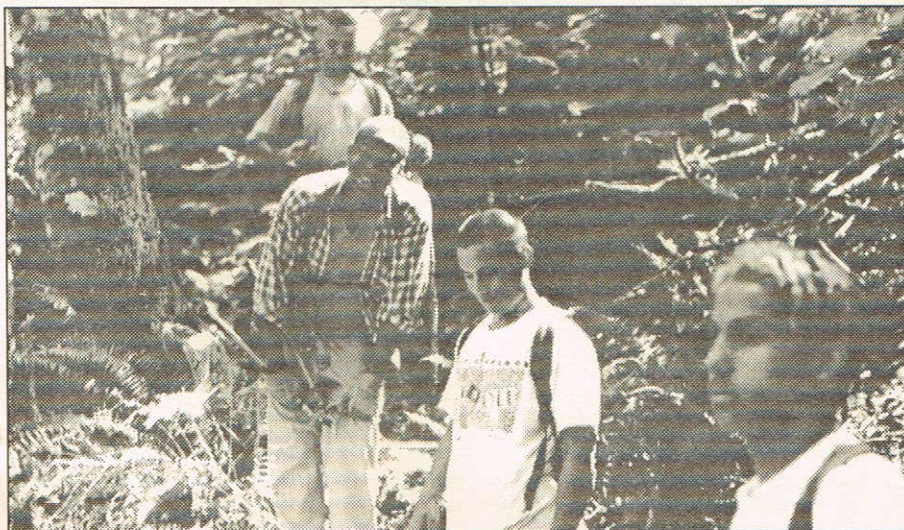
Teacher Mark Miller, Matt Yates, Lee Leofsen and Josh Whittaker.
(Photo provided by Jemtegaard School)

State Parks, Oregon State Parks and the United States Forest Service partnerships, to mention a few. The Chinook Trail traverses land managed by these agencies. A meaningful and a mutually satisfying relationship has been essential to our success.

The Meyer Memorial Trust and the Southwest Washington Community and SWIFT Foundations have been strong supporters of our efforts to rehabilitate youth while working on trails in the region. All of our equipment, hand and power, has been acquired through the financial support of these foundations and individuals.

The Chinook Trail Association is a volunteer organization with no paid staff. Our membership dollars of the 250 members pays our membership services, promotion activities and maintains our tool inventory. Materials and some contracted services used for trail construction comes from the special contributions of individuals, foundations and corporations supporting our quest. Our trail exists at the pleasure of government agencies, through the muscle work of many individuals and through contributed dollars. The Chinook Trail Association conducts a continuing program of spring, summer and fall construction and maintenance work parties. Quest 97 identifies our capital projects for the year 1997.

(Photos by Don Cannard)



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

Dedications Highlight 1995-1997



President Ted Klump and District Ranger Lynn Roberts.
(Photo by Don Cannard)

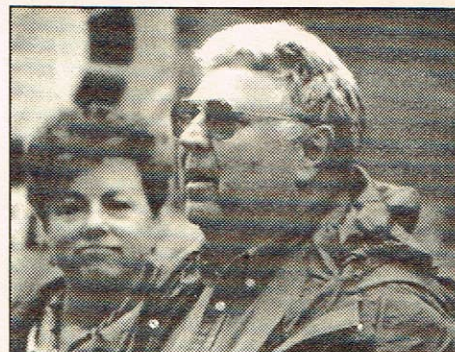


Washington State Land Commissioner Jennifer Belcher at the Cedar Creek Falls Dedication.
(Photo by Jim Hughes)

Three dedications cap the review of the Chinook Trail accomplishments. The 2.5 trails of Silver Star, Cedar Creek Falls Trail and Overlook dedication held in May of 1996 culminated a special effort on the part of CTA to provide a facility for physically challenged individuals. The dedication of Ed's Trail, a hiker-only 1.5 mile trail leading to the top of Silver Star, occurred last August.

Each of these dedications afforded the many volunteers and the representatives of the agencies involved to come together and enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done. These trail segments have each been constructed to established trail standards and stand as hallmarks of the work of which the Chinook Trail Association is proud.

Agency representatives and CTA volunteers alike took great pride in these accomplishments and now have a very proprietary attitude toward OUR trails. Thanks to many for a job well done. We hope to be able to pause following the completion of each segment of the Chinook Trail to bask in the knowledge that we are helping to do our bit for the trails and trail users in our community.



Land Commissioner Jennifer Belcher and CTA Co-Founder Don Cannard at Cedar Creek Falls Dedication.
(Photo by Jim Hughes)



Hikers at Cedar Creek Falls Dedication.
(Photo by Jim Hughes)



Stone monument along Ed's Trail #180A.
(Photo by Don Cannard)

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Mark your calendars now for the following work party dates:

- APRIL 12—Indian Creek, Hood River.
- APRIL 26 and MAY 10—Hamilton Mountain at Beacon Rock State Park.
- MAY 24 and JUNE 7—To be announced later.



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