

Chinook Trek #24

October 1997

Art...Awards...Displays...Entertainment

by Jan Breneman

Set aside Sunday, November 9th, for the Chinook Trail Association's ninth Annual Meeting. Due to its successful reception last year, we are repeating this annual event at the Water Resource Education Center at the end of Columbia Way in Vancouver.

Our featured presentation will be a slide program on the historic Columbia River Highway given by Jeanette Kloos from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Once again, we will have various local artists exhibiting their natural talents; and for the first time, keyboard music provided by yet another local

notable. Lunch will be catered by Glen Lakin Catering.

Come and learn about what the CTA has accomplished in 1997—our continuing trail maintenance efforts at Beacon Rock State Park, the Tarbell Trail, and the work recently begun on the Bells Mountain Trail. And walk the recently restored Renaissance Waterfront Trail before or after on your own.

Please make your reservation early for an autumn afternoon of good food, music and community atmosphere. Your invitation will be on the way soon.

President's Column

by Ted Klump

In past newsletters, I have written about the importance of volunteerism as the life blood of organizations such as the Chinook Trail Association. We have survived for nine years and completed three major trail construction projects all with volunteer efforts. Our office space and furnishings and our computer have all been donated. And one of our Honda Power Carriers was a gift.

The people who serve on the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board, and the Executive Council are all very dedicated volunteers who share a deep commitment to our quest. We should all be grateful for all they've done to keep the CTA viable. But we need YOUR help. There are lots of opportunities to be of service even if you aren't a trail builder. We need photographers to record important events; we need computer programmers and people with organizational skills to organize the office (which presently is more of a warehouse than an office). We have two vacancies on the Board of Directors (three year terms). And the list goes on. If you have even two hours a month to help, we can use YOU. Please give us a hand in our quest of The Chinook Trail.

Thank you.

Ted Klump, President



A Work Party

*The shadows were growing longer
As we climbed the Squaw Butte Trail
Back to the junction with Silver Star Trail #180.*

*The autumn sun had a warm, mystical feeling
As its rays fell across our backs.
It has been a good day for trail work.
We were exhausted . . . and exhilarated!*

Summer Youth Build A Bridge

by Paul Clare

A trail crew of dedicated Clark County youth selected by ESD 112 completed a summer work experience in partnership with the Chinook Trail Association. This represented the third consecutive year that CTA has participated with ESD 112 and the Private Industry Council to provide this opportunity for young people.

This year's crew was supervised by Denise Mills of ESD 112. Barry O'Rourke was the crew chief of the group which included Jesse Guthrie, Isiah Acuna, Joseph Hayth, Ed Smith and Andrey Tikhomirov. Susan Gilson administered the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for ESD 112.

The SYEP first labored to clear brush on a particularly rough



SYEP on Hamilton Mountain Approach.

All photos by Don Cannard

hiked to the top of Hamilton Mountain and were indeed impressed with the spectacular views: Wow! and Cool! were some of the exclamations voiced by this crew.

A new wooden bridge was assembled and put in place on the Hamilton Mountain Trail under the direction of Don Cannard with assistance from Paul Clare. Funds for the bridge came in part from the Nature's fresh North-west barbeque and also from the Community Foundation of SW

Washington. The bridge replaced a failed culvert located in the steep area of the Hardy Creek drainage. Pride of crew ownership was quite apparent when the job was done. The crew also brushed several overgrown segments of the trail.



SYEP crossing a log bridge to Bells Mountain Trail.

section of the proposed Bells Mountain Trail working down stream from Cold Creek Campground. They also performed needed trail maintenance on the Moulton Falls end of the Bells Mountain Trail and on the Ellen Davis Trail. For the first time, the SYEP enjoyed an overnight campout experience at Beacon Rock State Park. Funds for the camping equipment and food were from the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington.

In addition to good food and campfire comradeship, the crew



SYEP pausing in bridge construction on Hardy Creek.

Toward the end of the season of work, the crew members enjoyed a celebration pizza feast in recognition of all their good work accomplished. Each crew member as well as participating staff and adults received a new handsome tee shirt.



Tee shirt logo design.

Summer Getaway A Success

by Roger Anderson and Fred Rogers

The Chinook Trail Association's Summer Getaway Campout and Trail Project at Beacon Rock State Park in August was a success! The four-day campout under the leadership of Roger Anderson, trails chair, and Ted Klump, CTA president, accomplished the clearing of brush on the trail and tread widening.

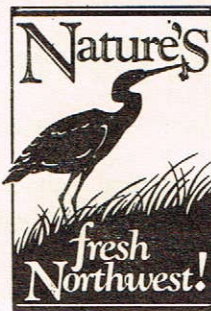
The weather was mostly clear with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Our progress was slowed due to warming in the afternoons which meant we had to slow down to take in the spectacular views from the Hamilton Mountain Trail. The views of the Columbia River Gorge, Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams seemed to make our trail work easier.

Our evenings around the campfire were quite enjoyable. After a hearty dinner we relaxed with good conversation and a sky full of stars. Does it sound like fun? We are planning a

similar event next year in conjunction with Bells Mountain Trail construction.

A chance for service in the outdoors, a chance for exercise and a chance for fun and companionship were all present on our August campout. Because we were a part of a Beacon Rock service project, there was no camping fee for the four-day event.

Steve Johnson, Park Manager, says, "I never have to worry when the Chinook Trail Association and its members show up for a project. I know their work will be well done. This makes the ninth year the CTA has performed tasks for us at Beacon Rock. I would never have enough money to do the work this group has done for the park. Our trails are better than ever due to this help."



Nature's fresh Northwest! contributes

by Don Cannard

Nature's fresh Northwest contributed the proceeds from one of their in-store barbeques to the Chinook Trail Association. Their \$1,100 donation is assisting in the purchase of construction materials for three new bridges on the Hardy Creek Trail in Beacon Rock State Park and assisting in the updating of our computer programs.

Remembrance Fund Endearing and Enduring

by Florence Wager

Chinook Trail's Remembrance Fund continues to not only serve as a remembrance for individuals but continues to grow in value. This fund is the nucleus for an ongoing endowment for the Chinook Trail. The CTA Board of Directors has committed these funds to the concept of a perpetual account. Funds from this account are used in two ways. Some of our grants require

payment of all bills before funds are forwarded. This fund is used in this temporary manner. Also, these funds continue to draw interest which is used for Chinook Trail construction projects. Thanks to all of those contributing. Contributions can be labeled "For the Remembrance Fund."

Chinook Trail Association (CTA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

Bells Mountain Update

by Don Cannard

Planning for the construction of the seven-mile Bells Mountain Trail continues to absorb the attention of Roger Anderson and Joe Sunthimer. Since the word of the total funding for the Lucia and Moulton Falls Trail and the Bells Mountain Trail, much of the attention of the CTA Executive Committee has focused upon design of structures to cross streams and seeps (nearly fifty of them almost 600 feet in total length), acquisition of tools, developing ways of helicoptering bridge materials and tools to remote areas, finalizing trail surveying, easements through private property and agreements between Clark County and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. These are just some of the important details needed to be cleared before actual construction begins. Marc Engle and Tom North of DNR

have provided invaluable guidance and counsel to the committee. Glen Lamb has been on top of gathering factual information and communicating with the IAC, assuring us of being in compliance with all necessary rules and regulations.

We are on the brink of being able to actually build the trail. Now the big challenge remaining is rallying the community to do the \$150,000 worth of volunteer effort needed to meet a local match. Throughout the coming months CTA will be putting out the call for help.

Mission Statement

The Chinook Trail Association (CTA):

- Advocates development of a Columbia River bi-state loop trail;
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource;
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Gorge;
- Provides information and education to develop public support.

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1997 Saturday Work Parties

Mark your calendars now for the following work party dates:

- Oct. 18 Indian Creek, Hood River.** We will do general maintenance and brushing. Car pool from Gateway DOT P&R or call for actual work site.
- Nov. 1 & 15 Hamilton Mountain Trail.** We will do general maintenance and brushing. Carpool from Washougal Woolen Mills parking lot or meet at Beacon Rock upper parking lot at 8:45.

All work parties depart shortly after 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:45. As arrival times back to carpool locations cannot be guaranteed, volunteers who have a definite appointment back home may want to take their own car. Travel is usually on passenger car accessible roads.

Reminder: All participants must wear work boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, bring own lunch, drinking water and appropriate clothing for rain or shine. Sun and insect lotions are advised.

For additional information: call Ted Klump (360) 695-7149 or Roger Anderson, (360) 254-2371.



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