



The Chinook Trek

Chinook Trek #26

April 1998

National Trails Day

by Paul Gregory

This year's National Trails Day 1998 will take place on the Bells Mountain Trail on Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Participants will meet at the Clark Utilities Operations Center south parking lot on State Highway 503.

Bring your favorite tools. Other tools will be provided. A barbeque lunch will be provided. Be sure to bring work clothes, gloves and boots and your own drinking water. Rain gear is in order as the event goes rain or shine.

Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied with a

parent or adult and written permission is a Department of Natural Resources requirement.

A special tee shirt and mug will be distributed to participants. The day will end with a barbeque. Sponsors are being sought for this event. For information call Paul at (360) 254-2901.



Ellen Davis Trail, Two Eagle Scouts Upgrade Trail

Don Cannard

Two Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 340 are working on separate projects on the Ellen Davis Trail. Tim Goodwin of Ridgefield is upgrading the approach to the Friendship Bridge crossing Burnt Bridge Creek. Justin Olson from Minnehaha will be upgrading one of the switchbacks on the 22nd Ave. portion of the trail. Both of these young men could use monetary and muscle power assistance with their projects. Call 694-4033 if you are able to help.

Chinook Trail Association receives frequent inquiries for Eagle projects. Some of these get rebuffed due to a lack of adult sponsors. What a shame! The process is fairly simple. The candidate meets with a representative of CTA to identify the project, then conducts an on-site visit and receives a work outline. The scout organizes the work, gets his work plan approved and does the job. The CTA sponsor conducts the on-site inspection and approves the project. Don't you volunteer? Call Don at 694-4033 or Roger at 254-2371 if you care to sponsor one of these projects in the future.



ESD 112 youth, under the direction of counselor Mike Holquin, have lunch and take a break from cutting blackberries along the Ellen Davis Trail.

President's Column

A winter retreat at Don and Sue Cannard's cabin on Mt. Hood brought the full board of the Chinook Trail Association together for our January board meeting. The retreat was held from Friday night, January 23rd to Sunday afternoon, January 25th, with the majority of members attending the business meeting on Saturday. Those staying over had a chance to play in the snow or relax at the cabin. Florence Wager took responsibility for feeding everyone and did a great job. We were treated to some great homemade cinnamon rolls made by Judy Swatosh.

Snow was falling outside and a warm fire crackled inside as we began our business meeting. Our facilitator, Marc Veneroso, did a great job of keeping us on task. Our major accomplishment for the day was the discussion of membership issues and the formation of a membership committee, dealing with such issues as membership expansion, the renewal process, and updating our database. The membership committee selected Maria Muscarella to be the chair. Others on the committee are Ken Herman, Larry Devroy, Fred Rogers, Florence Wager, Jan Breneman, and Kim Bayer. I am grateful to these people for stepping forward to fill this need.

Our focus for Quest '98 will be funding the Hamilton Creek Crossing Bridge on our connector from Hamilton Mtn. to the PCT. We also discussed our next annual meeting which will celebrate our tenth year; and there was discussion about designating the Chinook Trail a National Scenic Trail which would hopefully get us recognition and funding on the federal level.

All in all, it was a good weekend. I want to thank all the participants for all their hard work and hospitality.

—Ted Klump, President



Board members (L-R) Larry Swatosh, Ken Herman, Joe Sunthimer and Roger Anderson ponder trail locations at the CTA Board strategy planning session.



CTA president Ted Klump, left, and Bob Scullin, tool steward, share information at the Board Retreat.

Bell's Mountain Update

by Roger Anderson

The Chinook Trail Association is moving forward in the permit process with Clark County. On March 3rd, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife biologist Sam Kolb, Clark County Parks representative Gary Wade and Dept. of National Resources Forester Tom North met with CTA members Roger Anderson and Joe Sunthimer to tour one mile of the trail and bridge projects near Cold Creek Campground. The agency officials were pleased with the layout and gave their verbal approval of the project.

CTA member Bob Scullin and Clark

County Parks representative Gary Wade have been taking stream profiles, measuring bridge lengths and staking footing locations on more than 35 water crossings in the 7.5 mile trail.

Several CTA members have been continuing with log and brush removal from the trail corridor in preparation for construction work.

April 4th marked two milestones on the Bells Mountain project. First, we began actual construction using Northwest Service Academy members to carve out a section of trail. Secondly, at the same time, other CTA members

were doing log and brush removal at another location on the trail. This marks the first two simultaneous work parties in the history of this project.

On June 6th we will be hosting National Trails Day at Cold Creek Campground. This event will be a work party with up to 75 volunteers constructing one mile of trail and a barbecue afterwards. We need your help in hosting this event. Come out and lend a hand and see what the CTA is all about. Call Roger Anderson at (360) 254-2371 or Ted Klump at (360) 695-7149 for more information.

Earth Action Day - Saturday, April 18

Contact: Carol Pedersen (360) 892-2886

April 18 will see us in Hood River on the **INDIAN CREEK TRAIL**. For this work party meet at the parking lot of the Columbia Presbyterian Church off Lieser Road on Columbia Ridge Drive at 8:00 a.m. Portland volunteers will meet at the parking lot at Lewis and Clark State Park off of Highway 84 at 8:15 a.m. Both parties will travel from there to Hood River.

In addition there will be trail efforts going on at two other locations: In Vancouver there will be the **ELLEN DAVIS TRAIL BERRY CRUSH**: Volunteers will pick up litter and clear

blackberry, scotch broom and other invasive weeds from this multi-use recreational urban trail named for one of Vancouver's most outstanding citizens. Meet at 7:45 a.m. for a light breakfast at Clark College Gaiser Hall. In honor of the earth, we will support public transportation: C-Tran will whisk the volunteers to the Ellen Davis trail site. Bring tools and appropriate work clothes, gloves and boots. Carol Pedersen from the Audubon Society will lead a children's nature walk and Lee Paul will lead the berry crush work party. Return by 12:30 p.m.

Further away there is a work party on **BELLS MOUNTAIN**. The Bells Mountain work party will leave from the Clark Public Utilities Operations Center on State Highway 503 at 8:00 a.m. Those in the north county area can meet us at Moulton Falls Park on the East Fork of the Lewis River. We should arrive there close to 9:00 a.m. The usual work attire and your heavy tools will be in order. Some tools will be available at the site. Return by 4:30 p.m. Bring lunch and drinking water.

Chinook Trail Association sponsors new Americorps

by Maria Muscarella and Kim Bayer

Northwest Service Academy member Kim Bayer has been placed with the Chinook Trail Association for 1998. Kim will undertake volunteer and administrative duties for CTA as part of her year of community service with the Academy.

Kim was born and raised in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. She received her Bachelor's degree in Communications and Women's Studies from Boston University. After living in Berkeley, California, she moved to Portland in August 1994. Kim comes to CTA seeking experience working with an environmen-



tally-oriented non-profit organization and is thrilled with the opportunity to serve CTA. Kim's hobbies include music, traveling, and of course, hiking. She eventually plans to pursue a master's in Natural Resource Management and will receive an education award from NWSA after her successful completion of a year of service. Kim now resides in Laurelhurst

neighborhood with three friends and four cats.

Kim is a welcomed addition to CTA and has already provided invaluable assistance, enthusiasm and initiative. Welcome to the team, Kim.

The Chinook Trail Association thanks Dean Sutherland of Clark Public Utilities for making an office space available for Kim at the Evergreen Fish Hatchery.

Coins in the Fountain, Van Mall's that is

by Don Cannard

Thanks to the Van Mall Community Outreach program, a five gallon pail full of coins from the Van Mall Fountain for January were presented to the Chinook Trail Association. Thanks to the Clark School Employees Credit Union, the coins were counted. We are now \$348.48 richer! These funds will be spent on some of our special events for which funding is always precious.

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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This year's summer camp out will be held 'on the trail' in the Bells Mountain area. We will be camping at the WDNR Cold Creek Campground. Camping will begin the afternoon of Thursday, July 9 and continue through Sunday July 12. As in prior campouts, campers may come for all or part of the event. There will be the opportunity to work on the Bells

Mountain Trail but also to have relaxing time around the campfire and exchange yarns of previous days gone by. Some interesting evening entertainment is being planned which should add to the enjoyment of the event. To register and receive more information call Ted Klump at 695-7149, Roger Anderson at 254-2371, or Kim Bayer at 882-0936.



1998 Saturday Work Parties

Mark your calendars now for the following work party dates:

Work parties are scheduled for the **Bells Mountain Trail** with the exception of the Indian Creek Trail. See below for details.

April 18 - EARTH ACTION DAY May 9, 23, 30

June 6 - NATIONAL TRAILS DAY July 9-12 - SUMMER CAMP OUT

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All other work parties will leave from the Operations Center of the Clark Public Utilities, on 117th Street (State Highway # 503). All work parties leave at as close to 8:00 a.m. as possible. ETA back at the carpooling site is between 4:30 and 5:00. Bring drinking water, appropriate clothing, WORK BOOTS, gloves, lunch and your favorite tool. Tools will be also be provided.



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