

Chinook Trek #27

July 1998

## 1998 Summer Campout & Work Party to be held at Cold Creek

by Roger Anderson

Chinook Trail Association will hold the annual summer campout / work party July 9-12. We will be at Cold Creek picnic site in the Dole Valley area. The Bells Mountain segment is within one hundred yards of the picnic area, so it is a quick trek to the work site. We plan to continue with basic construction of the seven-and-a-half-mile trail to link Moulton Falls Park with the Tarbell Trail.

Please plan to attend at least one of the work days. Bring family and friends (bring enemies—we'll make friends with them!) Stay for one day or for the whole campout. Work as much or as little as you want, but let's try to have a large CTA turnout for this.

Since we can drive to the picnic area, we can have tremendous evening feasts, possible speakers for the evening programs or just sit around the campfire. Please call Roger with your ideas or for more information at (360) 254-2371 or send email to cta@pacifier.com.

## CTA to Celebrate 10th Anniversary in November

by Paul Clare

This year, Chinook Trail Association turns ten, and it's time for a birthday party. The 1998 annual meeting will begin with a delicious brunch catered by Glen Lakin. The meeting will feature

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## CTA Observes National Trails Day '98

by Paul Gregory and Roger Anderson

On Saturday, June 6th, members and supporters of the Chinook Trail Association joined in our sixth annual observance of National Trails Day. Some fifty participants formed six trail work brigades and completed approximately one mile of Bells Mountain Trail near Cold Creek Campground in the Yacolt Burn State Forest. We were pleased to have Leatherman Tool Company as our primary corporate sponsor this year. The Columbian also assisted in the provision of free ad space. Volunteers were given a T-shirt with the National Trails Day and sponsors' logos.

Under the warmth of the sun, magnified by the glow of mutual smiles and good thoughts, the teams industriously performed a variety of trail work building and maintenance jobs for four hours while taking breaks as needed. They returned to the picnic area at 2:00 p.m. to enjoy a barbecue prepared by Bob Scullin, Florence Wager and Sue Cannard. Don Cannard and Joe

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### National Trails Day



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# Hardy Creek Trail Improvement and Chum Salmon Recovery

by Don Cannard

A Northwest Service Academy Americorps team lead by Matt Sutton spent a week in April at Beacon Rock State Park working on a retaining wall on the Hardy Creek Trail. The team camped at the group camp at the park.

The wall was a part of a Chum Salmon recovery effort. A portion of the trail was slipping into a Hardy Creek tributary and silting the stream. The action of the team helped to secure the area. Matt did a seven week internship on this project.



Matt Sutton on Hardy Creek Trail.



Northwest Service Academy Americorps work on retaining wall along the Hardy Creek Trail.

Under his leadership and direction, over 200 trees were planted in an attempt to provide better cover and soil retention for the stream area. Douglas fir, red cedar, red osier dogwood and willow cuttings comprised most of the plantings. Plants were provided through Donna Allard of the USFW and the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group. Additional work is planned for later after seeing how these plantings and the retaining wall work out. Other team members were Margo Burtchaell, Patti Colaizzi, Mindy Coolidge, Alissa Kipp, Audra Loyal, Meegan March, Kathleen Master, Meaghen Porte, Matt Sutton and Amy Stone, team leader. Kristi Mergenthaler and John Jackson each came up for a day to assist. This was a great team who accomplished the stated project goals.

## Chinook Trail Association Celebrates New Web Site, Partnerships with Clark College and Pacifier

by Kim Bayer

On June 11, Chinook Trail Association board members recognized Clark College and Pacifier On-Line for their indispensable role in the creation of CTA's web site. The celebration was held at Clark College so that Board Members and special guests could navigate the newly completed web site.

CTA chose photographs, wrote text and organized the web site. The site was fine-tuned and then implemented by the Clark College multimedia class under the supervision of Professor Donna Loper and with the consultation

of Professor Bob Hughes. Pacifier On-Line, a local internet server, then



agreed to virtually host CTA's web site and set up internet access. These are both enormous contributions that will usher CTA into the wonderful network offered by the

world wide web. Thanks to them, the Chinook Trail will now enjoy a new level of visibility among local, national and international web users. Tell your friends, family and colleagues,

wherever they may live, to visit the new Chinook Trail Association web site at [www.chinooktrail.org](http://www.chinooktrail.org).

William Lucas was the Web Master and Graphic Designer Gloria Hays led HTML Layout, Susan Erceg was Editor, Diane Firstenberg was Producer and Kerry Federmeyer was Designer and Production Artist. Our supporters from Pacifier are Hostmaster Neil Anuskiewicz, and Doug Palen, President. Thanks you all for your help, we couldn't have done it without you!



# President Says...

So Long Joe.

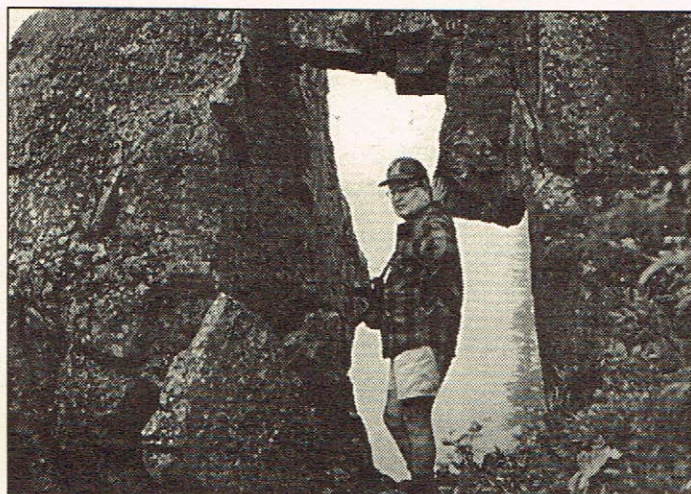
When I think of Joe Sunthimer, I think of a person who is gung ho, a hard worker, dedicated, energetic and all around good guy. Joe has been a member of the Chinook Trail Association for several years and, during that time, has served on the board of directors, been trails chairperson, was one of the lead people on reconnaissance and survey on both Ed's Trail and Bells Mountain. He has participated in most of the work parties we have had, and, as owner of a sign business, has supplied us with trail assurance markers, truck signs and decals. His contribution has been exemplary.

It is with a deep sense of loss that we say good-bye to Joe. He, his wife and son are moving to Bavaria to become inn keepers. The void in our organization as a result of his leaving will be hard to fill.

One of the things that Joe will be remembered for is the discovery of the arch on Ed's Trail. He found the arch

when he was doing recon on a reroute on the high end of the trail. As a parting tribute to Joe, we are naming the arch "Joe's Arch." Thanks Joe, for all you've done, and Godspeed.

—Ted Klump, President



A hiker stands at the natural arch now called Joe's Arch in honor of Joe Sunthimer.

## What You Can Do For CTA by Maria Muscarella

Over the past several months, Chinook Trail Association has initiated a major effort to improve maintenance of our membership data, identify ways to increase the number of dues paying members as well as enhance participation by members in the organization. The membership committee has developed what we think is a more coordinated renewal process. We know people get busy and may put aside their renewal letter for another day, so if you receive a salmon-colored card, it's just a reminder. Since the inception of our reminder cards, our renewal rate is close to 85%.

We are also working on expanding our participation in local events so that

we can increase our presence and inform people of our goal to build what will eventually be, after the Appalachian trail, the longest hiking trail in the United States. But for us to have a presence at the many festivals and events that are held throughout the Columbia River region, we need people power to help "man the tables." We need your help.

Volunteers are needed in a myriad of other ways. We need photographers to document our activities (we provide film and development). Do you have computer skills? Our new website will need ongoing upkeep. We need writers for our newsletters, helpers to stuff mailings, and we always need people for

trail building and maintenance. We also need you to share ideas on how we can enhance our presence in the community.

So if you have ideas on how we can improve our outreach or in ways that you can participate in CTA, we want to hear from you. Just send a letter to Maria Muscarella, c/o Chinook Trail Association, PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666 or call her at 360-254-2901. You can now also send ideas via email to [cta@pacifier.com](mailto:cta@pacifier.com).

## CTA 10th Anniversary

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maps and pictorial displays to help you understand the trail work that has been accomplished and our plans for the future. It will be held at Vancouver's unique Water Resources Education Center, situated along the Columbia River a few miles east of the I-5 bridge.

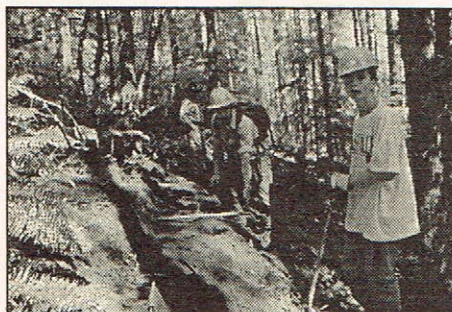
We were most fortunate to secure our Washington State Land Commissioner Jennifer Belcher, an excellent speaker and longtime supporter of our efforts, for this event. We anticipate a larger than usual turnout for the special celebration, so mark your calendar now for November 1, at high noon, to be part of this special occasion.

## National Trails Day

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Sunthimer were both presented with Leatherman Super Tools and chocolate cakes; Don celebrated a birthday and Joe was bid farewell as he nears his move to Germany.

A fun time and good karma was had by all. Pencil us in for next year's National Trails Day in June and we'll happily re-double the trail together.



Ted Klump, Roger Anderson and Justin Wager working on National Trails Day project.



# Group To Pursue Adoption And Expansion of Indian Creek Trail

by Kim Bayer

An April 16 meeting in Hood River yielded a core group of Indian Creek Trail supporters.

This group would seek adoption or recognition of the trail by City Parks, discuss other possible trail additions, and seek advocacy for the Indian Creek Trail through partnerships with other local environmental organizations. The group plans to contact local trail users about long-term interest and support of Indian

Creek Trail and develop methods to get information to the trail users. The Indian Creek Trail is located within the Hood River city limits and is maintained by the Chinook Trail Association.

Those in attendance on April 16 were Brian Litt of the Columbia Gorge Commission, Jurgen Hess of the Forest Service, Jeff Hunter, Susan Crowley, Ruth Blackburn, Carroll Davis, Kim Bayer and Roger Anderson of the

Chinook Trail Association. If you would like to become involved with the Indian Creek Trail, call Kim Bayer at 360-906-6769 or email [cta@pacifier.com](mailto:cta@pacifier.com).



## 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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## 1998 Saturday Work Parties

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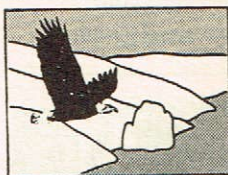
July 9-12 - SUMMER CAMPOUT  
 July 25 - ED'S TRAIL  
 Aug. 8 - BELLS MTN.  
 Aug. 22 - SQUAW BUTTE

Sept. 12 & 26 - BELLS MTN.  
 Oct. 10 & 24 - BELLS MTN.  
 Nov. 14 - HAMILTON MTN.

The **Bells Mountain work party** will leave from the Clark Public Utilities Operations Center on State Highway 503 at 8:00. 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. 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.

The **Hamilton Mountain work party** leaves at 8 a.m. from the Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot.

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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