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# GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16TH Don't miss out on amazing trip reports, songs, poetry, and a fantastic guest speaker! 7 PM on Zoom Meeting ID: 365-428-2215 Password: Post58

#### **Trip Reports**

#### **Mount Defiance**

Although Halloween couldn't be "normal" this year, I'm so grateful for the Post & the opportunities it brings me, including a lovely escape to the Gorge's Mt. Defiance on October 31st! We felt some sense of normalcy being together, six feet apart, during this strange time, enjoying the colorful fall leaves & beautiful weather in the Columbia River Gorge whilst wearing Halloween accessories! The 6 am morning drive was a bit spooky (very fitting for Halloween), but it was also beautiful driving through the foggy darkness knowing such a bright and magical day was ahead! Although we ran a bit short on time, we can pretty much say we made it to the tallest point in the Gorge, and experienced the most amazing views in doing so. The transition from being trapped inside to hiking in the stunning Columbia River Gorge and making great new friends and memories in just half a day was the best feeling! My favorite part of the day was taking a break with the most breathtaking view, and just having a few minutes of mindfulness and pure silence with the exception of nature's lovely and gentle sounds. I will never forget this different but memorable Halloween with the Post!

#### **Gaby Kennedy**



#### **Angel's Rest**

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of hiking up to Angel's Rest in the Columbia Gorge with some new Post members. We had almost blue skies going up, but it became more of an overcast by the time we reached the top. This was almost better, though, because when we had lunch at the peak it felt like I was eating my sandwich in the clouds. The trees had some really lovely colors, and overall it was an excellent trip.

#### **Quinn Leese**



On November 8th at the Angel's Rest trailhead, a group of New Members showed up on their first trip with the Post. They, along with a few returning members and advisors, hiked up to Angel's Rest. It was a perfect day for a hike, not raining or too cold, and there was a great view. It was a fantastic way for some New Members to get their first experience with the Post and learn what we are all about.

#### Ace Burton

### Get excited for some winter trips!

#### Tillamook Head Backpacking

December (exact days TBD)

Join us on a 10-mile out-and-back backpacking adventure on the Indian Beach Trail near Seaside. Enjoy amazing views of the ocean as we trek alongside the coast. This trip is available to all students (new and old) and will be a blast!



#### Cross Country Ski Trip to Teacup Lake

January 9th

Get ready for a day trip to Mt. Hood for some cross country skiing. Enjoy snowy views on an 5-8 mile adventure. No prior experience needed!

#### Rock Climbing at Broughton's Bluff

December 5th

Join the Post for a fantastic day of rock climbing at Broughton's Bluff, just 30 minutes outside of Portland!

#### Rock Climbing at Ozone Crag

November 21st

With sweeping views of the Columbia River and the Gorge, the crisp autumn air at our backs, and a huge variety of routes, this day trip to Ozone Crag has all the makings of an absolutely awesome rock climbing trip!

#### **Trail Running at Powell Butte**

December 5th & 12th January 16th, 23rd, & 30th February 6th, 14th & 20th

Get stoked for some chill 5-mile trail running excursions at Powell Butte from 1-3 in the afternoon!

More winter trip details and signups to come at the meeting and in emails.

#### November Notices

#### **New Member Hikes**

As a way for all of this year's new members to get to know the Post, we are running new member hikes all through November.

New members: keep an eye out for emails or contact Avery (edwardsavery@gmail. com).

#### November Service SOLVE Downtown Cleanup November 18th

There is a new exciting opportunity for you to be involved in the next service project. We are going to meet at 8:35 am on Wednesday, November 18th for a downtown cleanup. We will be given gloves and trash pickeruppers to help clean up downtown Portland. This is a great way to help out our city by giving it a little TLC that it deserves. Plus you get to hang out with your Post friends. A win-win! It's probably going to be a little chilly out there so don't forget to dress warm. Hope to see you there!

#### **Paige Yerton**

#### Chipotle Fundraisers November 21st (4-8 PM) December 5th (5-9 PM)

Are you looking for a way to eat a burrito and raise money for the Post? We have just the solution for you! On the two dates listed above there will be a fundraiser at the Burnside Chipotle (1933 W Burnside St). Chipotle will donate 33% of your purchases to Post 58! Make sure you mention you are with Post 58 or else the money will not go towards us. Go eat some burritos and raise some money!

#### Hanna Stokes

# pie drive success!

Congratulations and a huge thank you to the winners of this year's pie selling competition (to be announced at the meeting)! An additional thanks goes out to everyone who sold any items; with your help we raised twelve thousand dollars!



Fun fact: the beginning of pies can be traced all the way back to the ancient Romans, who used the hard crusts as a sort of tupperware for their food.



## The Post *Annual*

A message from Peter Green Each year the Post publishes a high-quality Annual that highlights activities from the past year. We are proud and excited about all the cool trips and activities the Post has offered in 2020.

Would you like to write an article for the Annual? Send me an email (peterfgreen@comcast.net). We are looking for well-written articles about your personal experience on a Post activity this year.

The Annual is also looking for photographs. The most likely photos are ones that feature students or advisors in nature.

Please consider contributing to the Annual!

## Meet an Advisor: Paul Taylor

Hello Post 58 team! My name is Paul Taylor and I work as the Technical Training Director for the Post. I've been working with the Post for 6 years now. Back then, I was working with the Post in a role much different from the one I am in now. Initially, I was a contracted mountain guide who would work alongside



some of the advisors on the more technical trips that the Post would run. Over the years, I would teach a couple of trainings, and continue teaching and instructing advisors in the field while on trips. Last year, after some long discussions and after developing passionate feelings about the students and advisors in the Post program, I took an offer to come aboard and work directly for the Post as the Technical Training Director. My current role is to provide training, support, resources, and encouragement for the entire advisor team as well as build out a cohesive and consolidated training structure for our wonderful and talented advisors. What a great job I have!

Despite growing up in Florida, I made my way to the mountains and outdoors at an early age. My deep love of wild places and a passion for teaching have been a driving force in both my professional and personal pursuits. Currently, I am a Portland-based climbing and mountaineering guide for multiple guide services around the PNW and beyond. Additionally, I serve as the Oregon Ambassador and a Senior Instructor for the Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC). I also work as the Portland Programs Manager for the Northwest Outward Bound School.

Over the course of my 18-year guiding career, I've worked as an instructor, facilitator, and guide for numerous outdoor organizations and guide services across the United States. My early adventures were focused heavily on learning/teaching primitive living and survival skills, and long distance hiking, having racked up over 12,000 miles of trail-time, including thru-hikes of the AT, PCT, and many other trails. My favorite place in the entire world is the region of Patagonia in Argentina and Chile, where I'm always looking to spend more time exploring and climbing and one day hope to live with my family. The area I'm most excited to return to is mountaineering in the Cordillera Blanca of Peru, where my wife and I spent our honeymoon. The worst weather I've ever been in was in Scotland, where I almost literally got blown away while climbing!

When I'm not teaching or working, I enjoy trail running, climbing alpine routes in the Cascades, cooking big meals, reading, glass blowing, ice climbing, and traveling with my wife, Claire and daughters, Zola and Ruby.

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