



Warning: Many young people to show up at next meeting

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Photo: Last Year's New Member meeting

New Member meeting: Monday, October 9th 2017

7:00 PM Lincoln High School Room 169

Post Activity

New Member Meeting: *(from front page)* This is a great opportunity to bring your friends you would love to spend time in the outdoors with to the Post meeting. We want students in 8th, 9th, or 10th grade most, as they will get to spend the most time with the organization. We also would love to have more students from underrepresented schools, since we want people from everywhere in Portland to have access to The Post. We are the only organization in Portland that provides outdoor adventures to groups of teens for a very affordable price.

Exclusive Mia Interview: During some downtime between busy meetings, I caught up with Mia Hamacher to discuss her new role as POST PRESIDENT!

Q: Now that you're safely president, did you think you were a likely candidate for the job during the process of determining the new steering committee?

A: I thought I was a likely candidate, but others were also likely, and we all had good reasons and qualities that would make us great presidents. The presidency wasn't in the bag, and we all had a good shot, but I ended up getting it.

Q: Do you think being cousins with past president Max Fogelstrom gave you an edge in the elections? Do you think the Post is trying to keep the power in the bloodline?

A: It would be a very interesting medieval twist if that were the case, but Max and I have very different leadership roles and involvement in the post. It was really nice to be able to talk to him when he was president because of that connection, but no, I don't think that was a factor.

Q: How has the transition of losing seniors from the Post been? How prepared do you feel we are as an organization for the welcoming of many new members?

A: It's been really weird, a lot of seniors joined The Post when I did since I joined as an eighth grader, so it's been weird to see them leave, but it's like that every year and ends up feeling normal every year. The Post is in good shape and we always have a natural cycle of people stepping up each year.

Q: How do you think the new, large steering committee will function this year?

A: I think having a larger steering committee is really positive, since more people will be

making decisions, and we will be seeing more opinions and perspectives. The only concern is that not everyone will be heard because there won't be enough time; we need to maintain efficiency but still value the voice of everyone.

Q: How do you plan on continuing the Post's involvement with more schools and outside nonprofit organizations?

A: This is a big reason I wanted to be president, I always thought more people should be able to be involved, this is one of my priorities and one of Kyles. We want more people to get benefits of The Post, so we have been visiting schools and speaking at club fairs and trying to expand the network of Post people.

Q: Under Max Fogelstrom, the Post became larger and more involved. Do you think you will be able to continue this expansion, and is that the plan for the Post?

A: The growth in the past year was amazing, we worked with p:ear, and I hope I can live up to that growth. Having a large steering committee and kyle dedicated to expansion will make it much easier.

Q: How do you plan on making your presidency meaningful and set yourself apart from past presidents, if you wish to stand out?

A: A cool thing is Jack Schrott, a past president reached out to me as an 8th grader. To see that he had the time and motivation to talk to me, had a huge effect on me. I want to have the motivation to talk to individuals in addition to leading, and believe there is a different type of leadership that comes with personal connections and being someone you can talk to instead of a distant figure.

Q: If you could say anything to little Mia during her first new member meeting, what would it be?

A: You're doing the right thing, don't expect that you don't belong, sometimes you can tell yourself there's a group of Post kids and you don't belong with them. Ignore that voice in your head, everyone belongs and has a space in The Post, that's why it is so wholesome and beautiful, we are all wanted, and that definitely makes it easier to go on trips.

Thank you for your time, and congratulations again on your new role!

Things To Know

Speaker of the Month: N/A (too many small children)

T-Shirts & Water Bottles: We will still be selling Post t-shirts and water bottles at the September meeting! T-shirts are \$15 and water bottles are \$10. Don't forget to bring money to the meeting!



Upcoming Events:

Smith Rock: On October 21st and 22nd we will be making our regular fall trip down to Smith Rock for some outrageously fun climbing!

Smith Rock: No this is not a mistake, there are actually ¡2! Smith Rock trips this October! The seconds will happen the weekend of the 28th and 29th of October!

Caving Trip: We will be taking a trip through the lovely caves of the Northwest on November 4th and 5th. More information to be provided at the Meeting.

Climbathon: A climbathon will be held on Sunday, November 19th at PRG. **THIS IS A MANDATORY EVENT FOR ALL POST MEMBERS.** This is the most fun way to raise money for Post, and we have an important goal of raising \$6,000. Make sure to mark your calendars for this important event!

Fundraiser

We will be having a bake sale at either Powell's Books or Prana

The Stats:

- Unclear

Service

The service trip for October will happen on October 14th from 9-10 am. We're joining a group called SOLVE and cleaning up NW Portland. Snacks are provided! We're meeting outside the NW Food Front 2375 NW Thurman St, Portland, OR 97210 at 9:00am.

In the News

Massive Yosemite Rock Fall

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<http://www.theinertia.com/news/massive-yosemite-rock-fall-kills-climber-on-anniversary-climbing-date/>

A series of rockfalls on El Capitan this week — at the height of prime Yosemite climbing season — killed one climber, left a 130-foot scar on the monolith and sent a chill through the climbing community.

On Thursday, 1,300 tons of granite tumbled from 1,800 feet above the valley floor on El Cap's southeast face. The previous day, a smaller slide killed 32-year-old British tourist Andrew Foster. His wife was reportedly injured and airlifted to a hospital. According to Instagram posts by climbers, the British couple were celebrating their anniversary and were about to begin climbing a route.

These climbers snapped photos from above during the incident.



In all, seven separate rockfalls occurred on Thursday over a period of four hours. Dust billowed high up the face of El Cap and lingered in the air long after the rocks had settled at the cliff's base.

Dozens of climbers were on El Cap during Wednesday's incident, including multiple teams who witnessed it from above. Witnesses describe the impact like bombs going off, echoing through the steep-walled valley.

Ryan Sheridan was on the wall for a multi-day climb when one of the rockfalls occurred. In fact, the bivy ledge where they had slept the night before was obliterated. Sheridan remarked on Facebook at how he found some features on the route suspiciously loose: Peter Zabrok's party shot this video from immediately above the slide just moments after it took place.

"These flakes seemed so loose that I had to stop and take a photo mid pitch. I couldn't imagine how they inexplicably clung to the wall. I later found out this was part of the recent rockfall. I free climbed past this section and was shaken by how insecure the



entire pitch was. I felt as though all my gear would peel from the wall due to the expanding nature of the placements. I found out today that my intuition was correct and this section now lays on the ground”



Climbers are still taking inventory of the damage caused to the cliff, but it appears parts of the Waterfall Route between the routes Secret Prophet and Lost in Translation, routes that ascend the southeast face, are damaged or entirely lost. In the spring, water pours off this flank of the mountain.

The cracks and corners that make Yosemite granite so attractive to climbers is of course indicative of the fact that El Cap, Half Dome and the other formations are made of numerous pieces, sometimes deeply fissured. A natural part of erosion occurring over millennia, rock fall is unpredictable but often occurs during or after heavy rain or snow, like the unusually snowy 2017-18 winter.