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**PLEASE NOTE  
OWA MEETING'S  
NEW LOCATION**

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
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## RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

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# OCCUPY THE ROGUE!

## 2011 VETERANS DAY ROGUE RIVER TRIP

November 11-13, 2011 • Submitted by Scott Ogren

**B**y the time I took the online signup form down from the OWA website for this trip, 72 people had signed up and paid for the annual joint OWA/OKCC Veterans Day Rogue River float. Wow. That is an unbelievable number of people. Our club has grown so much over the past few years and the fact that there was this much interest in the trip is evidence of that.

As it always happens on large trips like this, a few people cancelled for various reasons and by the time we got to the put in at Graves Creek, our group size was 61 people. By any measure, 61 is a lot of people to all float a river at the same time. Because of that, as the trip leader I needed a solid plan that would create an attitude of safety, working together and having fun – and I needed to communicate that plan to the group early.

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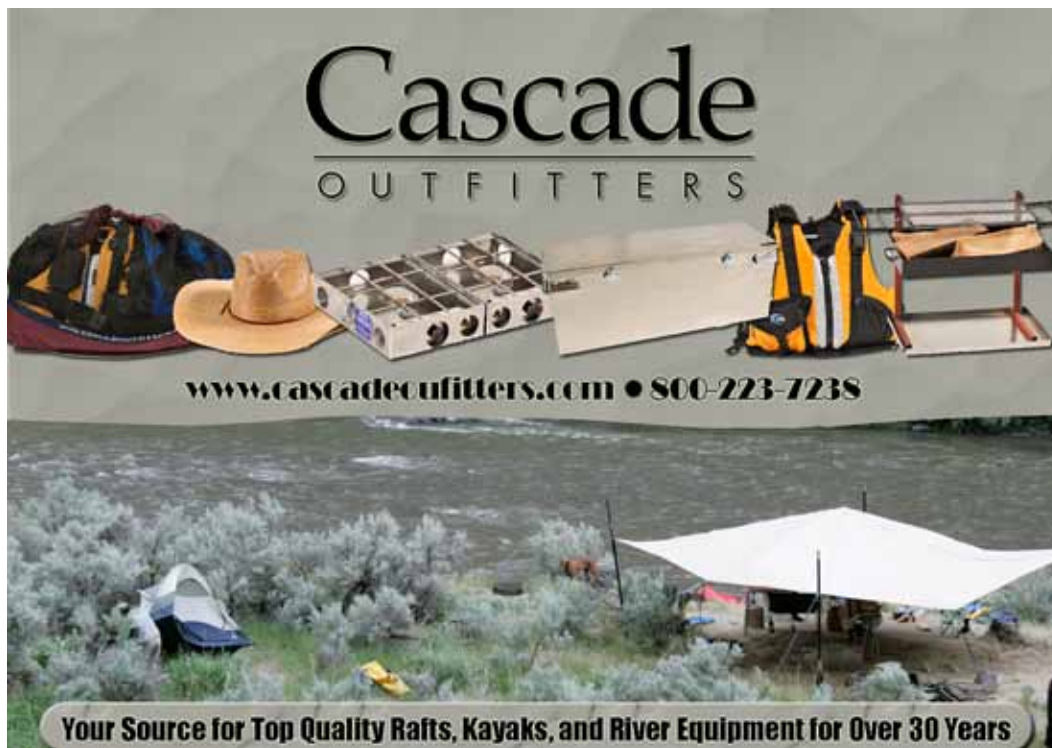
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRENDA BUNCE

Join us at our next general meeting on December 14, for our feature presentation on proper food storage and sanitation techniques for wilderness river trips.

Zach Collier is an avid whitewater boater and the owner of Northwest Rafting Company, an outfitter that offers multi-day river expeditions. He will share some things he's learned along the way about keeping your river expeditions happy and healthy.

If you haven't checked out our website lately, we have our 2012 trip calendar updated. If you see a river trip that you would like to see on there, consider being a trip leader and send your information to our trip editor, Pat Barry.

Also, order your Oregon and Idaho 2012 INVASIVE SPECIES permit online today. See details on our website.

Vote today! You should have received your online ballot for our OWA board elections. Running unopposed is Bruce Ripley for second term Vice President and Merrie King for Treasurer. Online voting will continue through December 13th. If you don't get your vote in by then, you can vote at the December general meeting.

Rick Carman's term as treasurer is coming to an end. It is with gratitude and a big heartfelt "Thanks" for his dedication of FOUR years of volunteering time. The gift of time is priceless and his commitment to our club and it's growth is much appreciated.

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Our annual New Year's day Sandy River Float, from Dodge Park to Oxbow Park, will be happening with Team River Runner on January 1, 2012. See our website for details.

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## 2011 Veterans Day Rogue River Trip

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I set the tone of the trip early so everyone would know what to expect from the big things like how we were going to get all of the boats through the Fish Ladder to the little things like what we were going to do with the garbage. I spent a week composing an email and it went through three drafts and was proof-read by three people who offered their suggestions and gave their input on all of the things that needed to be covered. Those who got the email know how long it was. I didn't realize it until someone who printed it out told me it was four pages long – but it did what it needed. Expectations were set and everyone on the trip cooperated exceptionally well. Things went so smoothly that you wouldn't have known this was the largest wilderness travel trip in OWA history.

Bruce Ripley along with Russ Pascoe and the OKCC kayakers set up a communication system at the Fish Ladder that let the next boat know when it was safe to enter. There were people stationed at strategic locations in the Fish Ladder to help stuck boats keep moving.

There was organization, order and everyone knew what they needed to do. In all, roughly 40 boats (rafts, cat boats and kayaks) moved through the Fish Ladder at Rainie Falls in about an hour and a half. One more boat that was running a little behind went through about 30



Dan Hudson at the Fish Ladder

minutes later. That doesn't happen without being organized and everyone working together.

Camp at Horseshoe Bend was amazing. The OKCC kayak crew served an incredible dinner of pasta, homemade sauce, and garlic bread along with probably the best salad I have ever had outdoors. Cary Solberg served as the group bartender and the party was on. We had four campfires going and plenty of fun was had by all.

The next morning we all woke up to a great breakfast of scrambled eggs along with biscuits and gravy prepared by Rick Hendon. After a hearty breakfast, we all packed up camp and all 61 of us were ready to leave camp at 9:30 or so.

The next big challenge was Mule Creek Canyon and Blossom Bar. Blossom Bar is another place where there's only room for one boat at a time and we all needed to give each other space and wait patiently for our turn. Everything went very smoothly and probably the biggest problem in the



**Anna with Kayaker Salad**



**Dinner crew at Tacoma Bar**

entire group was me – I got my boat stuck on a rock just after passing Volkswagen Rock on the right. It took both my boat mate Jen Carman and I each pulling on an oar as hard as we could to get away from the rock – we were stuck for about 45 seconds in total. If that's the worst thing that happened to 40 boats and 61 people, we did pretty well.

Camp at Tacoma Bar resembled a techie version of an Occupy Portland encampment as we were all pretty close to each other, but it was good. Appetizers were served by Cary Solberg and Marion Flood. Cary made quesadillas and Marian made guacamole right there in camp and served it with chips and pre-made margaritas that we all enjoyed. I served chili and cornbread that everyone seemed to enjoy.

A scrambled egg and pancake breakfast was served by Rob Harvey and his crew. We all got to enjoy a little more time at camp before we packed everything up and headed

towards Foster Bar.

Once we were at the boat ramp, it seemed as though everyone helped everyone. We all worked together so well that I was one of the last two vehicles to leave at 1:30. It was really amazing to watch – all 61 of us converged on the Foster Bar boat ramp in our boats and left in our trucks in an hour and a half.

All in all this was a very successful trip. At first I was a little hesitant to have 72 people on the trip, but after a few days a few people cancelled and then I had some time to get my head wrapped around the challenge. There were two things that contributed to the success of this trip that I would recommend to anyone attempting to lead a large group down a river. The first is communication; the trip leader should develop a through plan and communicate that to the group as early as possible so everyone has time to digest what is going to happen. The second is be lucky enough

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to have people on your trip cooperate as much as the people on this trip did. We all cooperated with each other and worked together at every turn. It seemed as though everyone's actions were for the greater good of the group. Everyone worked together, helped each other out and we all had a great time. The last thing I would add is I had plans for nearly everything that could have gone wrong that I communicated to only a few people. I didn't want the whole group to worry about everything I worried about, but I had quietly appointed key people to jump into action should things go wrong. Luckily, none of those things were needed but people were ready just in case. In my

mind, that was a very important thing to do with a group this large.

Thanks again to everyone on the trip who made it so easy for me to do my job as the trip leader. It was an incredible trip.



**Bartender Cary Solberg**

## Membership Dues Changes

**Submitted by Mary Cooper**

Effective 1/1/2012, OWA annual dues will increase from \$24 to \$28. This very small increase is necessary to fund the expanded member services OWA has been able to offer. You can pay for more than one year at a time if you wish.

The good news is that all members who are paid up on December 31st 2011 will have their dues extended 6 months to the end of the year rather than expiring in July. For example, if you are paid up through 6/30/2012, your membership is now extended to 12/31/2012.

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# The Importance of Layover Days

Submitted by Scott Ogren

Many of us schedule our river trips to minimize the time we need to take off work. Often times, that means we pack as much river into as few of days as possible – and we hurry our way down stream so we can tell ourselves and our friends all that we did over the weekend. I was on a trip last summer where we did just the opposite, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the slowed down and relaxed pace of the trip. All we needed to do was take an extra day off work and agree to do less of the river than we were capable of.

On Friday, June 17 a gaggle of kids, adults and dogs lazily left the Trout Creek boat ramp on the Upper Deschutes River headed for Whiskey Dick. The sun was shining, clouds were few and far between and the wind was calm. The kids were playing, shooting water, jumping from boat to boat and all the adults could talk about was how nice it was going to be to have a layover day at Whiskey Dick.

We arrive at camp and we were a little disappointed to find that another group had the same idea and had already been in the prime

camping spot at Whiskey Dick for a day or two and so we had to go around the corner and park our boats in the large eddy. That turned out to be the best thing that could have happened to us. The kids spent the afternoon playing in the water, climbing on the wood that had settled in the eddy, and generally having a great time. Some chose to fish well into the evening without a care in the world.

I highly recommend adding a layover day to any river trip. The one thing that all of the adults on the trip kept saying was that layover day was one of the best river days any of us ever had. That made the rest of the trip that much better. At this point, it's going to be hard to run the Upper Deschutes River with kids and not include a layover day. Trust me, the extra vacation day is well worth it.

The next morning we all woke up to a small rain shower and the common theme was, "If it's going to rain on a river trip, the best day to do it is on a layover day." The timing of it all was perfect – we all hung out

under the tarps we had set up until the rain stopped around 10:30 am while some slept in and enjoyed the fact that there was no hurry to be in. We spent the morning drinking coffee and hanging out waiting for the rain to stop, and when it did we spent the rest of the day playing. Our layover day was spent being lazy, hiking, playing games, fishing and loving the fact that we didn't have a thing to do.

About the most useful thing we did was everyone who was rowing a boat made the walk down to Whitehorse Rapid and pre-scouted the day before we ran it. That saved a lot of time because the next morning we just lined up and ran it. Other than that, the view from the cliffs that overlook the plateau at Whiskey Dick was pretty cool.

We spent one more night camping at Lower Rainbow Bend and ended our trip at Harpham Flat, so that meant our trip was 32 miles in total with each day we floated was only about 10 or 12 river miles. Short days on the river with a layover mixed in were just the right mix to make for one of the most relaxing trips I have been on in years.

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Submitted by Pat Barry

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1.28 Sat	Siletz River	III/IV	Tom Riggs	<a href="mailto:triggs@ashland.com">triggs@ashland.com</a>	503.647.0690
2.18-20 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Bee Tyree	<a href="mailto:dillflet@comcast.net">dillflet@comcast.net</a>	503.753.4081
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4.14 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hansen	<a href="mailto:TJHRafter@earthlink.net">TJHRafter@earthlink.net</a>	503.201.4428
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