



## CHAPTER TWO, FEBRUARY 2019

**Next Meeting: Tue, Feb 19, 7 PM, Lincoln HS rm. 169**

### The Climbathon Approaches!



*The biggest, baddest, most successful annual fundraiser in the history of the Post is this **February 24th***

The Climbathon is an annual event in the Post where all members come together to climb **for free** at the Portland Rock Gym, fueled by passion, sponsors, and love. It's one for the record books as the largest gathering of people climbing *together* in the history of Portland! With your participation, we can raise more than \$20,000. But the climbathon is more than just a fundraiser. It's also an amazing social event where the entire post gets together, just like the snowshoe trip. Not only that, but the post will have *exclusive* use of the gym! That's right--there will no 26 year old bearded hipster waiting for you to finish your climb. (except for of course Jack Lazar) Climbs of all grades are available- no need to worry how good you are, it's great for beginners.

Every Post member will first collect pledges from friends, relatives and neighbors in the weeks before the event. Call your aunts, uncles, grandparents, your mom's coworkers, that lady

down the street who used to buy your girl scout cookies--be fearless in asking for donations to this wonderful organization that you love. The donations can be either flat rate, or based on the amount of climbs you do--for example, \$1 per climb. **Record** these on your written pledge sheet, enclosed in the very same envelope as this newsletter. Keep in mind that the goal is for each person to raise 100-500+ dollars. The record is \$760--think you can beat it? Inflation is on your side.

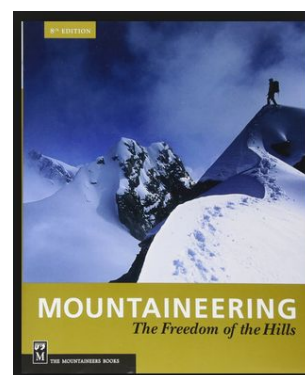
The next step is to attend the climbathon of course, at the Portland Rock Gym on NE Burnside and 12th ave, from 6-9pm. If you know how to belay, it is **essential** that you go to the gym **beforehand** and ask for a belay certification test, which they will give you for free. You **will not** be able to get certified at the climbathon. If you do not know how to belay, fear not, as others will be able to belay you.

After the climbathon, you will then get to contact all of your pledges to collect their donations, which you will turn in at the March Post meeting. The funds all go to causes that directly impact YOU, such as lowering the cost of trips, buying accident insurance, training new advisers, liability insurance and gear for students to use. Don't be afraid to contact your climbathon group leader personally with any questions about this amazing event!

## Things to know

**Chapter Two Steering Committee Elections:** At last, Chapter Two will have its very own steering committee meeting! If you have interest in this awesome leadership opportunity, watch your inbox for an email with further instructions. At the next meeting, there will be elections for the nominated candidates, chosen by the nomination committee.

**Speaker of the Month:** The speaker at the next meeting will be **Paul Taylor**, an expert on avalanche safety--He will talk about how to recognise danger, weigh risk, and more! Buckle up for an important presentation.



**Dues are Due:** Please bring your dues and **the survey that was sent to your parents** to the February meeting-- in an envelope. The dues are \$225.

**Freedom of the hills for sale:** The Post is able to provide a limited number of copies of *Freedom of the Hills*, the bible for all Mountaineers and the best source of information for you. Copies retail at REI for \$30, we have new copies for **\$10 at this meeting**. Bring \$10 to the next meeting to get your copy of the climbing scripture!



**Cotton Mountain:** Surprisingly, we're not talking about the mountain in New Hampshire. Rather, we're talking about the cotton and ink that looks like a mountain! They are on shirts you could buy at the next meeting! Shirts are \$15 and are available in yellow, pink, blue, and gray. Small, medium, and large shirts available!



**Saturday, Feb 16:** Bake sale at Arc'teryx (A new location for the post! It's almost like a first ascent) on NW 23rd from 11-4. Email Joanna (cloutierjo@go.oes.edu) to sign up.

**Sunday, Feb 17:** A fun afternoon of casual climbing with fellow postees at the Portland Rock Gym, starting at 3pm. If you do not yet know how to belay, there will be a lesson at a separate location beforehand around 1 and you can get certified at PRG right afterwards. Listen for more information at the upcoming meeting. Email Emma (wetsele@go.oes.edu) to sign up.

**Sunday, Feb 24:** The Climbathon! At PRG on NE Burnside and 12th, from 6-9pm.

**Saturday, March 2:** A history hike to the top of Beacon rock, led by Charlie Grant. Sign up at the meeting!

**Sunday, March 10:** Mt. Hood Climb! More information at the meeting. Will only be open to members who have already completed snow school. This will be open to Chapter One members as well. The climb costs \$55, but if you bring a check to the meeting it is only \$45.

**Sunday, March 17:** St. Helens Climb! The plan will be to camp at the trailhead on Saturday night and then climb on Sunday. More information at the meeting. Will only be open to members who have already completed snow school. This will be open to Chapter One members as well. The climb costs \$50, but if you bring a check to the meeting, it is only \$40.



*(Peter Green going back in a time machine, asking, "What Happened?")*

## More Foster Youth Tubing!

by you

Three Saturdays ago, you, Josiah, and Alex met at Fred Meyer. You all bought some righteous snacks for the day, then headed over to Wells Fargo. Advisors Maya and Ellie showed up! So did 13-year old Michael from Tigard. On the way to wells Fargo, the Marty Mobile picked up four foster youth in Gresham, then one more little dude named Jaleek at a Walgreens. With all eight of you in the car together, you all were pretty happy. Then you got to Skibowl!



It turned out nobody had been tubing before, but you all felt overjoyed on your first trip down the hill. You ran yourselves silly until you could no more, then finally went to Summit Ski area and had yummy yummy sandwiches prepared with the ingredients from Fred Meyer. On the drive home, you all played the alphabet game. Next time won't you tube with me?



## Comedy with AJ!

Hi everybody, how are we all doing?  
Rad, rad, okay, so today's been a weird day. This morning I accidentally mooed for two minutes straight! You know, like a cow! Cows are funny, yeah? They aren't very destructive per say, but if they were in a superhero movie, and they destroy the whole city like superheroes always do... Let's just say if cows were superheros it would be udder destruction.  
Thank you everybody! You've been lovely.



# The Very First Chapter Two Snowshoe Trip!

by Avery Edwards



On the wonderful morning of Sunday, January 20th dozens of kids began to flow into the entryway of the Wells Fargo we all know and love. Huddling with duffels and backpacks from the rain, a collective anticipation rose like steam above their heads. With a ceremonious huddle to launch them off, everyone began the grand race to the Mazama Lodge. One by one, groups were formed, ready to create the most fantastic, ridiculous, and effective snow caves possible. A ferocious bob-marley-dragon, forever-extending slide and many more figments of teenage imagination erupted from the snow. Once the victors were announced, kids stripped off

wet gloves and snowboots, racing to claim the best bunk in the lodge. Bonding and games ensued. There was also a fashion show from post president, Marcell Simon. After good food and a cozy night of sleep, everyone was pumped to put on their snowshoes and get climbing. When finally the steep uphill ceased and the sky opened, a sigh of collective conquest emerged off of Mt. Multorpor. This sigh reemerged as a laugh throughout the snowshoe olympics, and continued to warm each car on the way back to Portland.



(Photo Credits: Levi Mindlin)

**King and Elk Mountain Hike**

By Natalie Dodson

On a Sunday a group of 4 advisers and many kids hiked about 8 miles of the glorious Elk/King Mountain Loop. Although we gained a lot of elevation quickly, everyone conquered it with the help of stories and riddles. The sunshine filtered through the trees, and the surrounding hills were beautifully wrapped in fog. It was unclear what was lovelier: the people or the scenery. 11/10 recommend.

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**Klaes' Korner!**

**Claes is back with another "claassic" puzzle for you! The hidden words are:**  
**Climbathon**  
**February**  
**Blueberry**  
**Outside**  
**Mountain**  
**Post**

**"You can do it!" - Claes**

**A Love Card for Your Use!**

Valentine's Day time is near! And while that may be important, every day is the day to love your parents! They made you what you are and support you being in the Post! You can cut out this card, write in your name, and give it to your parents, along with a big hug!

**Are you going on a Spring Break Trip?**

If so, there will be a meeting with your trip leaders from 9:00-9:15 pm at the end of the general meeting. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, and meet some new friends before heading out! Be sure to tell your parents to pick you up at 9:20.