



PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION MT. HOOD CHAPTER ANNUAL CELEBRATION



WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2015 1 – 3 PM
WHERE: Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters
10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682
Free: All trail lovers are cordially invited; snacks provided

“The Murray Family Rides the PCT in 1969-70”

Bernadette Murray will give a show-and-tell slide show presentation on her experiences using the photography of her father Barry Murray, a professional photographer, along with trail memorabilia. There were 5 members of the Murray family with their children ages 8, 10, 12 and a teenage friend to pioneer the newly minted PCT by riding 2,500 miles from Mexico to Canada. They rode 6 horses and had 6 pack animals. They encountered a 100 year snow pack in the high Sierra, outdated maps, missing parts of the trail, unhappy ranchers and the day to day struggle to survive.



The Mt. Hood Chapter of the Pacific Crest Trail Association will present its accomplishments and volunteer recognition for 2014. The Mt. Hood Chapter maintains nearly 250 miles of the PCT and feeder trails between Breitenbush Lake in Oregon to Mt. Adams in Washington. The group has many opportunities to “Help with the Trails” and maintain part of the 2,650 mile long Mexico to Canada trail. Volunteers earn a NW Forest Pass from the Forest Service after 16 hours of service, and the pride of giving back to the trails.



Chapter Statistics for 2014: 114 work parties held; more than 1,000 logs cleared; 15,600 volunteer hours with over 400 individuals. This includes work parties in the Columbia River Gorge keeping trails open such as the popular Multnomah Falls – Wahkeena Trail this winter. The chapter with other agency partners also hosts the Trail Skills College in Cascade Locks each April for new and experienced volunteers to learn proper trail maintenance.

For more information contact tturner@pcta.org or www.longtrails.com/mthood

PCTA Mission

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as a world class experience for hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands.