

# Warm weather finally clearing Mt. Hood trails

Frustrated hikers will be happy to learn that summer weather is rapidly melting the snowpack covering Mt. Hood's 40.2-mile Timberline Trail. The Timberline Trail,

which circles Mt. Hood between 5,000 and 7,000 feet, should be free on snow by the end of this month. Currently, there are patches of snow on the south and west segments of the

trail and areas of solid snow on the north side. When snow covers portions of the trail, hikers need to rely on map and compass to orient

themselves because the trail blazes may be covered. Several sections of the trail are not blazed. Hikers on the Timberline Trail need to be prepared

for adverse weather conditions. It is not uncommon for a fresh snowfall to occur in August or September at the 6,000-foot level. Bugs, black flies, mos-

quitoes and no-see-ums can put up quite a battle throughout the hiking season. Hikers should also note that most of the glacial stream crossings on the trail are not bridged. Hikers need to plan their crossings for early in the morning. Glacial streams are known to increase in runoff as the sun warms and melts the snowpack. Some crossings become impassable in late afternoon.

When filling out a permit is important that visitors to the wilderness take the time to read the regulations that affect the portion of the wilderness they will be entering.

For the most current information on Timberline Trail conditions hikers should contact either the Zigzag or Hood River Ranger Stations or the Forest Service information desk at the Wy'East Day Lodge.

The majority of the Timberline Trail is located within the Mt. Hood wilderness and hikers are required to have wilderness permits. The permits are self-issued and can be found at stations at or near the trailheads of all entry points.

# First meeting for Hawks is Saturday

The first meeting for the Oregon Cinder Hawks cross country team is Aug. 28 at Mt. Hood Community College track.

Practice will begin at noon and any boy or girl 6 years old or older is eligible to join. Practice for Sandy area athletes will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Bull Run School, next to Roslyn Lake.

Practice will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at MHCC, with the weekday practices at 5:30 p.m. and the Saturday practices at noon.

Those who participated in track last spring are signed in for cross country this fall. New members must pay a \$15 entry fee, which covers the T.A.C. requirements and the state championship meet entry. Age divisions, for boys and girls, are 7 and under, 8 and 9, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, and 14 and 15.

One's age on Jan. 1, 1982 counts for the entire season, or until Jan. 1, 1983. "I can't imagine anyone in the Northwest beating our 12-13 girls team," said Coach Darold Beymer. "Most of them are up

from the 10-11 team that took third in the nation last year.

"If we can get some of the Sandy High kids to join us for our Canada meet and the Junior Olympics (after the school season is over) we'll be real tough in the 14-15 division."

Beymer said the 10-11 girls, with the help from some Sandy area youngsters, could be "real tough." He said some depth is needed in the 10-11 boys

division, and there is quality in the 9 and under boys division, although there is a lack of personnel.

There are five girls returning to the 7 and under girls team. "If they work hard and we get some new ones to help, we just might win state," Beymer said.

The 9 and under girls "look good." The 1981 state champ is returning, along with two other veterans. Preparations are under-

way for the Franklin Memorial in Eugene Sept. 25. Beymer said this is a "fun" meet as the youngsters compete against those in their own age groups. Medals are awarded to the first five, and "we always come home with a hat full of hardware."

"Come out and join the fun," Beymer said. For more information call 663-4534.

# Bargain Store falls at ASA state tourney

Dodson's Bargain Store, Sandy Area Softball Association league and tournament champions in men's play, dropped two games in the 32-team ASA

state tournament in Gresham this weekend. "We were just off," John Dodson said about their play in the double-elimination tournament.

# Sandy Area Chamber golf tournament set

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's fifth annual golf tournament will be Sept. 12 at the Mountain View Golf Course.

The public is invited to attend. Tee-off time is from 9:30 a.m. till noon.

An \$18 fee for the 18-hole

tournament must be paid by Sept. 5.

Scoring will be by the Calloway System. Mail entry, or drop it off, at the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce office, 17520 Highway 211 and Pioneer Boulevard, Box 536, Sandy, 97055. For more information call 668-4006.

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