

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Camp Waskowitz (45505 Southeast 150th Street, North Bend, WA)

July 10, 2011 at 3:00pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Chuck Wolber

Vice President – Brennon Church

Secretary – Jami Blackann

Treasurer – Jerry Schiffelbein

Members at Large – Mary Keiser, Yuichi Shoda

Meeting Minutes:

* The board visited Camp Waskowitz for a guided tour of the grounds and facilities. The camp site is large, secluded, and perfect for our needs.

Overview of the Area:

* The office is located near the front of the property, where you can find the director, resident manager, and program coordinator.

* Pool across from the office. Shallow end and deep end. Must provide a lifeguard.

* Girls stay in the A & B cabins with restrooms and showers in the middle. Each building has four rooms or cabins.

* Boys stay in the C & D cabins with restrooms and showers in the middle. Each building has four rooms or cabins.

* There's an educational building for indoor activities. Contains three classrooms. The middle classroom can be divided into two smaller meeting areas by closing a hard folding curtain.

* The dining hall has 24 tables with benches. Meals are served family style. Staff prepares the food and can accommodate dietary restrictions with advance notice. Ten percent of their meals are usually vegetarian. Campers clean up after themselves, and there's a big emphasis on composting and reducing waste.

* Old Barn: A large auditorium used for big group activities. Stage in the front. Would be great for a dance or performing skits.

* Council Hall: carpeted room with restrooms and a fireplace.

* River Shelter: Located next to the Snoqualmie River. Picnic tables, hot and cold water, kitchen area, stone fireplace. Lighting for the paths down to the shelter also make it available for evening events.

* River Campfire Area: Located next to river shelter. Eighteen wooden benches form an amphitheater around a raised stone fire pit and face the river.

* 30 Acre Shelter: Large covered campfire area in the woods on the other side of the field. Wooden benches for up to 200 people, faces a fireplace in front of the building.

Other Highlights from the Tour:

* Campers have an opportunity for service projects, usually involving cleaning tasks. CQNW would like to leave something positive behind.

* Very woody area. Campsite is surrounded by forest (with lots of hiking trails – see map) and mountains nearby, with a river running through it.

* Water: A lifeguard is needed for use of the pool. General rule about playing near the river: Stay by the edge. If you're surrounded by water, you're in the wrong place.

* Programs/teachers are available from other schools. A list of the curriculum is available on the website.

* Laundry machines available.

* Emergency communication: We had cell phone reception. Camp is very close to I-90, and the tour director said they get fast emergency responses. Wi-fi is available, though we want campers to stay unplugged for the week. If parent sends an email, the message can be printed off at the office.

Big Advantages:

* There are lots of alternative options for rainy days. Has several spacious, weather-proof buildings and covered outdoors areas.

* The camp provides all food services.

After-Tour Business:

* We discussed possible dates for the 2012 camp. Unfortunately the schedule is already pretty full. The first week in July (which would overlap July 4, on a Wednesday) is wide open, though we don't know if it's a good idea to conflict with a holiday. Depending on when school starts, the end of August is a possibility. Brennon will call on Monday and reserve it if possible. In the meantime, we'll continue to look at other camps.

* Press Release: Upon Yuichi's suggestion, we decided to change the subtitle "*Camp Quest NorthWest is a camp for the rest of us...*" to "*A summer camp beyond belief*" to avoid projecting an "us vs. them" image. More friendly and open. The rest of the PR is ready to go.

- * Additions to the website, to be made as soon as possible:
 - * FAQ
 - * Board page with pictures
 - * List of activities
 - * Photo gallery
 - * ChipIn widget
 - * Chuck: Write and upload first blog entry about CQ Ohio.

- * Locking file box: Needs to be purchased soon. Seattle Atheists has a good box, costs around \$70.

- * Brennon has paperwork from Cottage Lake, which should be stored in the file box. Also, camper information should be stored there.

- * Becky Friedman gave us information about doing an Ask an Atheist show. She asked for specifics about what we had in mind:
 - * Who do you want to feature?
 - * Do you want them in the studio or via phone?
 - * Do you envision a segment or a whole show?
 - * Consider advertisements
 - * What's the goal? (to inform, to recruit campers, to advertise August picnic, to solicit donations)
 - * What would be the content arc of the show/segment? (history, founding, key people, motivation, current progress, etc.)

- * The August 20th Meetup should be changed so it asks for the children's ages. We can send a message to parents who have already RSVPed.

- * Possible advertising places: Parent Map (parenting resource for family events and activities, parenting advice, and directory of services around the Puget Sound), Ruby Slipper Guide (family guide to the Eastside), *Seattle Times*

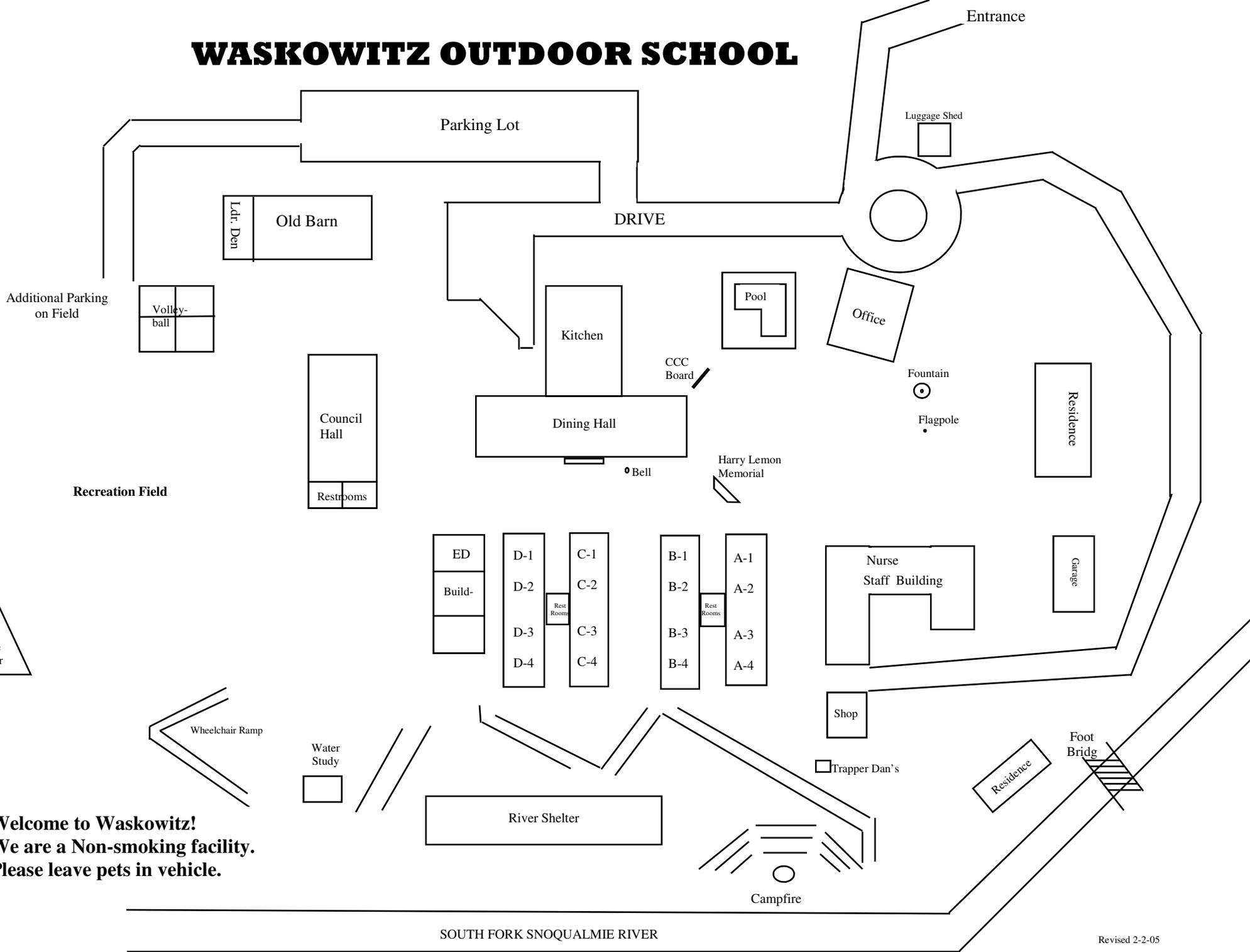
Next Meeting:

Keisers' house (755 SE 10th St., North Bend, WA 98045)

Wednesday, July 27, 7pm sharp

End time: 4:55pm

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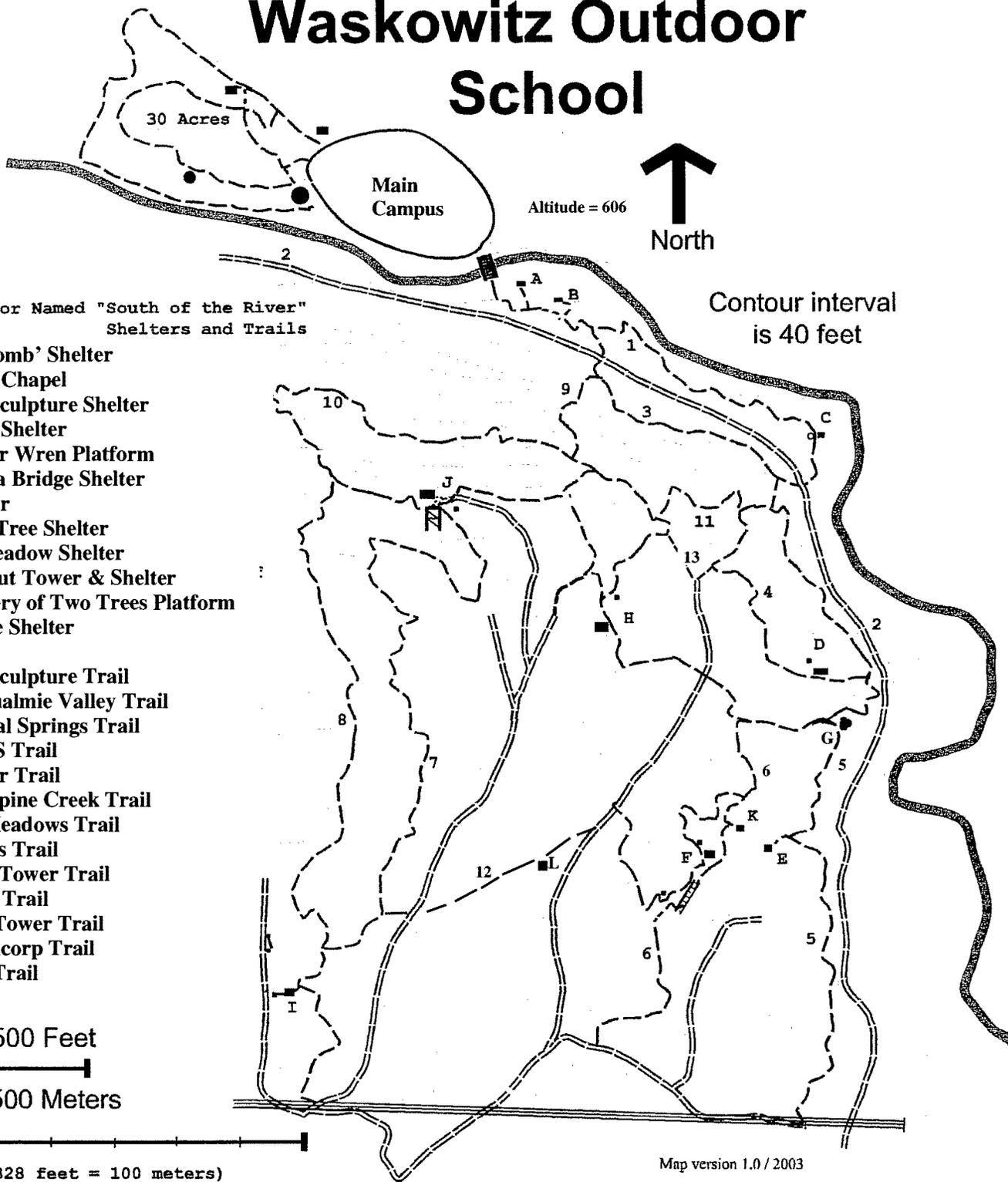


Welcome to Waskowitz!
We are a Non-smoking facility.
Please leave pets in vehicle.

SOUTH FORK SNOQUALMIE RIVER

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Waskowitz Outdoor School



- Please:
- Be safe at all times.
 - Be respectful of nature and others.
 - Note that contours may be selectively shown.