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# SANDY STEELHEADER NEWSLETTER

Published by the Sandy Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders.

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## Chapter Meeting is Chapter Picnic

Instead of our normal monthly chapter meeting please come to the annual chapter picnic being held at Rooster Rock State Park. See details on page 2 of this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

## Camp Angelos Volunteers

Camp Angelos kids camp schedule

### Fishing Camp: July 27 to July 31

This is a 5 day camp for kids with the emphasis on fishing and related activities. Now day's children summer camps cost several hundred dollars, but this camp provides financial assistance to 95% of the kids. The camp is for boys and girls ages 10 to 15 years. The camp needs our help at the fishing pond to show the kids how to catch and net fish safely. We also keep the rods and reels repaired. The camp provides lunch and dinner for the volunteers.

The camp needs at least 4 to 5 volunteers for 8 am-12pm and 1pm until 4 pm July 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st

Contact Howard Berg at [bergate@verizon.net](mailto:bergate@verizon.net), 503-665-8008

### Camp Agape "Children's Cancer Camp": August 1 to August 7

This is a 7 day camp for boys and girls with cancer and their families, because lets face it if a child has cancer the whole family is af-

fected. The camp needs our help at the fishing pond to show the kids how to catch and net fish safely. We also lend a hand if a child needs help getting around. The volunteers that stay for the second secession will get a dinner.

The camp needs at least 4 to 5 volunteers for 4 to 5pm and 7 to 8pm August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 4 to 5pm only on August 6th.

Contact Jeff Kirkman at [jeffconnick@canby.com](mailto:jeffconnick@canby.com) 503-266-1504

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### Greek Kids camp: August 8 to August 15th

This is a 8 day camp for Greek boys and girls. Camp Angelos is owned by and is financially supported by the Greek community and they have very generously let some groups use it for free such as the Fishing Camp and the Cancer Camp. The Steelheader's help the Greek kids at the fishing pond by showing them how to catch and net a fish safely and how to use the fishing gear. The Greek cooks put out great dinners for the volunteers.

The camp needs at least 4 to 5 volunteers from 4 to 6pm August 11th, 12th and 13th.

Contact Ed Fast at [edfast@comcast.net](mailto:edfast@comcast.net) 503-449-0195

You club members have a great gift, the gift of fishing knowledge. Show a child how to fish and see the joy it brings to their lives.

When I am out selling Steelheader raffle tickets, it is the work that we do with these kids that bring in the ticket sales. Many people are happy just give us a donation for helping the children.

Thanks for your help

Howard

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## Sandy Chapter Picnic

Mark your calendar now for our Sandy Chapter Family picnic. This will be the first time in many years that we have held this event at Rooster Rock State Park, just a few miles east of Troutdale on I-84 (at exit 25).

The chapter will provide salmon, hot dogs, and hamburgers as well as soft drinks and coffee. Bring your family and a salad, side dish, or desert to share. Do not forget your appetite for food and fun. We will have everything set up for people to arrive at 1:00 PM. Kid's games with prizes starting at 1:30.

Your kids or grand kids (nephews, nieces etc.) will have a great time. We will start the meal at 3:00 PM.

To get to Rooster Rock State park travel East on I-84 to the Columbia River Gorge. Follow the signs to the park.

You can call Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 (after 6:00 PM)

## Salish Ponds Cleanup

Salish Ponds Oregon Fish and Wildlife kids fishing day was held May 31. It was a great time for the kids and their parents where some really nice fish were caught. Sandy River Chapter members Steve Ackley, Roger Beal, Howard Berg, and Larry Beaver were present supporting ODFW and performing cleanup of trash and especially fishing line on the banks. Quite a few bags were collected; a performance we can be proud. Future cleanups of the Sandy River have been on hold somewhat because of the poor conditions of the boat ramp at Dabney Park. The Chapter assigned section of the Sandy for cleanup is from Oxbow Park boat launch to the power lines below Oxbow. There is some talk of the chapter taking charge of the river cleanup from Oxbow all the way to the Lewis and Clark Park. This could be done as one float or split into two parts made up of Oxbow to Dabney and another from Dabney to Lewis and Clark. Again this is dependent on the condition of the Dabney boat ramp. More on this later. Plastic bags are available for all members to carry in their cars and boats. We encourage all members to do cleanups anytime on or near the water.

## First Bite Jigs special offer

After watching the First Bite Jig Video at the previous chapter meeting, I contacted Mark Anderson regarding making his video available to chapter members - the jig making tips in particular interested me. Mark offered to include three free jigs to any chapter member who purchases his video. Mark is an association member - I forgot to ask in which chapter. If interested, simply go to the First Bite Jig web site or see me, and I will try and help you with the purchase.



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## Volunteer Hours Needed

It's very important for members to write down all your volunteer hours on the Volunteer hours form that comes in your newsletter each month. You can bring this form to the meeting and give it to the Bill Bieth the membership chairman or mail it to him at Po box 301263 Portland Oregon 97294-9263. These hours go to the association office and this is an important criteria we are evaluated





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## Income Tax Bookkeeping



Bill Robins

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## Sockeye Season opens

CLACKAMAS, Ore. -- Chinook anglers on the Columbia River will have an unexpected opportunity to take home a sockeye salmon when the summer chinook fishing season opens on Saturday.

Due to much higher than average counts of sockeye salmon passing Bonneville Dam, Oregon and Washington fishery managers decided today to allow retention of sockeye salmon during upcoming summer chinook fisheries.

From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam the river will be open to the retention of sockeye from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 21 through Saturday, June 28. From Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam the season extends from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 21 through Thursday, July 31, 2008.

All sockeye are considered adults, regardless of size, and are included in the daily bag limit of two adult salmon or steelhead.

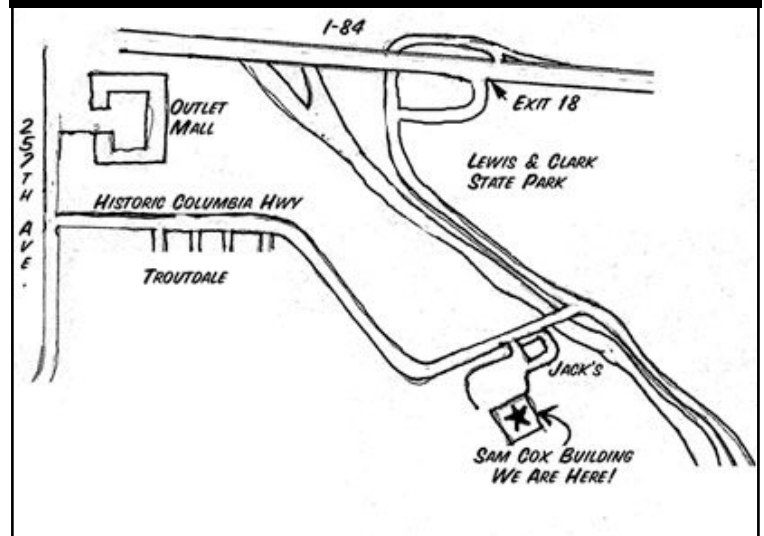
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## Meeting Map



# SANDY STEELHEADER CALENDAR

Date	Event
July 26	Chapter Picnic at Rooster Rock State park 1:00 pm
July 27-31	Camp Angelos Fishing camp
Aug 1- 7	Camp Agape cancer camp
Aug 8 -15	Greek Kids camp

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## Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

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Fill this form out and return it at a general meeting.

Please mark your time as beginning when you left your home until you returned home from the volunteer event.



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*Here are the two keepers taken by Howard and Art last Tuesday, June 19. while fishing with Brandon on the Sandy. Howard's weighed in at 21½ lbs according to Brandon's expensive digital scale. Tight lines to all. Larry*

## Sandy River Recreation Report Ocean Temperatures High

Last updated 6/17 -- Spring chinook and summer steelhead fishing on the Sandy are good. Water levels and clarity are ideal and water temperatures are finally hovering around the 50 degree mark.

Fishing for summer steelhead near the hatchery remains very good with many anglers catching their limits.

As on the Clackamas, anglers are advised that this fishery could be good well into the summer as a result of the cool spring conditions.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted new sport-fishing regulations for the Sandy River which move the fishing deadline (or boundary) upstream to the mouth of the Salmon River (near Brightwood) began Jan. 1, 2008. There are recent reports as of early April of wild fish being caught and released in the newly opened section of river above Marmot Dam. There are few hatchery winter and summer steelhead available above Cedar Creek which can be retained if caught, but there is some opportunity for catch and release of wild fish for those interested in a more remote angling experience. Once again, be aware that winter steelhead may be spawning in the newly opened reach above the former Marmot Dam. The new area should provide good opportunity for hatchery spring that stray past Cedar Creek starting in May and running through early July. All current fishing regulations in the lower river apply to the newly extended area.

New research suggests that ocean temperature and associated sea level increases between 1961 and 2003 were 50 percent larger than estimated in the 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.

The results are reported in the June 19 edition of the journal *Nature*.

An international team of researchers, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory climate scientist Peter Gleckler, compared climate models with improved observations that show sea levels rose by 1.5 millimeters per year in the period from 1961-2003. That equates to an approximately 2½-inch increase in ocean levels in a 42-year span.

The research corrected for small but systematic biases recently discovered in the global ocean observing system, and uses statistical techniques that "infill" information in data-sparse regions. The results increase scientists' confidence in ocean observations and further demonstrate that climate models simulate ocean temperature variability more realistically than previously thought.

"This is important for the climate modeling community because it demonstrates that the climate models used for assessing sea-level rise and ocean warming tie in closely with the observed results," Gleckler said.

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## STEP Projects Volunteers and Items Needed

I have accepted the position of STEP Coordinator (stream work and related projects for fish...) for this chapter. It is a position I have held before, although for another chapter. We were very successful increasing the numbers of spawning salmon and steelhead in streams near Tillamook at very low cost, in concert with our ODFW STEP biologist.

We did surveys of the streams to determine the best actions to take in the future, developed plans, gathered tools and materials and got to work. We can do the same thing here.

I found that everyone can play a role, and it is surprising what helps to make a project really "GO".

One of our members was unable physically to get into the streambed and do much rock moving, but was a heck of a good cook. We purchased camp style cooking gear, and following every project were treated to a nice lunch. I am certain participation in the projects increased as a result. Another member, a CPA by trade, kept careful track of all expenses, filed paperwork and greatly helped keep things organized. I'll find something that suits anyone who wants to help.

Here is a starter list of cooking gear and related supplies that you can dig around in your garage for and see if you have some to spare. Contact me at 503-286-2093 or [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com) to let me know what you'd like to donate.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Propane fired stoves  
Metal mixing bowls ,Frying pans and griddles  
Woks, Metal plates  
Ice chests, Insulated jugs  
Can openers, Knives and cutting boards  
Anything useful for "camp style" cooking!

### From the tool shed:

Slip joint pliers and linesman pliers  
Large pry bars  
Hammers  
End wrenches and ratchets/sockets from 7/16"-3/4"  
Cable cutters  
Slot style screwdrivers  
"Come-Along" winches  
5 gallon plastic buckets  
Work Gloves/ grip gloves  
3,10,14,and 18, gallon Rubbermaid tubs

Short range "Walkie Talkies"

Clipboards

Gather it up and contact me – Larry Palmer at  
[palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com)

503-286-2093

Volunteers needed to-

Conduct stream surveys

Cook food for project workers

Store and transport project tools

Assist in doing STEP project paperwork

Track volunteer hours and cost of donated materials

Lead stream work parties

Photograph project sites and forward j-pegs to chapter website

Help recruit volunteers

Co-ordinate with other community groups

And lots more!

I promise that if you want to volunteer, I'll find you a job that you like. All you have to do is get involved.

I am actively working with other groups to seek out projects for us this summer season. It may be surveys at first, but

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## STEP Update

On June 22nd, Sandy river chapter members met Russ Plaeger, from the Sandy River Watershed Council (SRWC) to do some work in a valuable side channel on the Salmon river, a tributary of the Sandy.

This side channel is where the main old course of the Salmon River once ran...until the big flood of 1964. (Undoubtedly one of those "500 year" floods we seem to get every few years!!). The Salmon River decided to move over a ways, leaving this nice bunch of gravel, but with little water.

A couple years ago local landowners, in concert with the SRWC decided to divert some Salmon River water back into the old channel, making a good spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and steelhead. A small wing dam was built, and water went into the old channel so far so good. But some invasive grass - "Reed Grass" - moved in and was threatening to muscle out the tree plantings made in the river to provide soil stability and shade for the stream.

Chapter members, Howard Berg, Mike Myrick, Art Israelson, Howard Anderson, and myself, joined ten members of the local homeowners group and SRWC members to hack down the invading grasses. This was flowed up by an excellent stir-fry lunch prepared by "Wok master" Art Israelson. I must mention the free propane donated by chapter member Erik K., without which our stir-fry would not have fried at all.

So next time you want to avoid some housework, get in some good scenery, and do something good for the river and get a free stir fry lunch to boot...look up the next STEP project!

Photos show chapter members chopping down the three foot high grass in the side channel.





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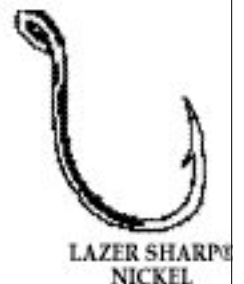
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