

Hosted by NEW TRIBE in honor of our 21<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY...



## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TREE CLIMBERS RENDEZVOUS At Oregon Caves National Monument

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### WHEN

Friday September 16 through Monday September 19

Tree climbing courses will be offered before the Rendezvous weekend. Additional tree climbing-related opportunities are available between Thursday, September 8 and Thursday, September 22. See full schedule below.

### WHERE

Oregon Caves National Monument and adjacent Siskiyou National Forest, near the town of Cave Junction in southwestern Oregon. The [Monument](#) was established as part of the National Park Service to preserve both the magnificent marble caverns that occur here, and the surrounding old conifer forest. It is situated high up a winding road into the mountains and features a grand, rustic lodge for visitors' comfort.

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### TRANSPORTATION

**By Air:** Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) is the nearest flight destination. New Tribe will have two 15-passenger vans and will coordinate with you to provide airport shuttle service to and from the Rendezvous. The vans will provide transportation during the gathering, carrying people and gear from the lodging areas to the climbing sites whenever needed. You won't need a rental car unless you plan travel outside the Rendezvous area before or after the event. If you do, rentals are available at the airport and 37 miles away in Grants Pass. On [Mapquest](#), your trip is from the airport at 3650 Biddle Road, Medford, OR to the Rendezvous at 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR.

**By Car:** The road may be winding but the directions are straightforward. Make your way to Hwy 199, drive to Cave Junction, and turn east on Caves Highway (Route 46). Travel 19 miles to the end of the road at Oregon Caves National Monument. On [Mapquest](#) use this destination address: 19000 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

**By Bus:** The nearest train stations are in Eugene and Klamath Falls, and you can continue to Grants Pass by bus. If you are traveling by bus, we can arrange to pick you up from the Greyhound station in Grants Pass. There is no public transportation.

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### REGISTRATION

The registration fee for Rendezvous 2005 is \$180. Included with registration is a fabulous Rendezvous commemorative T-shirt. Course tuition and lodging costs are additional.

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## LODGING

Due to the remoteness of our site, we encourage everyone to choose from the lodging options available at the Monument. We have arranged for you to have a wide choice of accommodations and a range of prices. Space is limited for all of these lodging options, so please register early for the best chance to reserve the space you prefer.

ALL lodging options include three meals a day provided by the [Oregon Caves Chateau](#).

### The Oregon Caves Chateau

The Chateau is a National Historic Landmark and full of rustic charm. It is nestled vertically into the mountainside, five stories tall. Here are the choices for a room and all meals at the Chateau:

Private one-bed (queen) room for one person, \$132.00 per night.

Private one-bed (queen) room for two persons, \$85.00 per person per night.

2- or 3-bed (double beds) room, one person per bed, \$85.00 per person per night.

2- or 3-bed (double beds) room, two persons per bed, \$62.50 per person per night.

### Dormitory

This is a co-ed bunkhouse that can accommodate 22 sleepers and has shared shower and bathroom facilities. \$50.00 per person per night gets you a single bunk and all your meals.

### Campground

The Caves Campground is down the trail a ways from the Chateau. Walking the trail is an option, plus we will have regular van shuttles between the Campground and the Chateau for mealtimes and climbing events. If you plan to be tree-camping for some or all of your nights, choose Campground for those nights. \$40 per person per night covers all your food and use of the Campground amenities.

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## RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, September 14

Rendezvous participants registered for tree climbing courses will arrive at Oregon Caves National Monument in the morning. Tree climbing courses begin in the afternoon. Early arrival of other participants is welcome beginning today.

### Wednesday–Friday, September 14, 15, 16 – Basic Tree Climbing Course

– taught by certified [Tree Climbers International](#) instructors.

This course is designed to teach the student all the basics to climb an average sized tree where the first branch is no higher than 50 feet. You will learn Doubled Rope Technique (DRT), tree assessment, tree entry, knot craft, shout calls, different types of gear, canopy movement, and team climbing. After satisfactorily completing a written test and a climbing test, students will earn a TCI certificate. Finish this course on Friday and be ready to practice your new skills with other students and experienced climbers during the weekend Rendezvous. Tuition \$400.

Wednesday–Friday, September 14, 15, 16 – Single Rope Technique (SRT) Tree Climbing Course – taught by certified [Tree Climbers International](#) instructors and other recognized expert tree climbing instructors.

This course is for the experienced tree climber who has basic DRT skills. You will learn the different types of SRT climbing and equipment. You will be trained to use ascenders to access tall trees. SRT techniques such as the Yo-Yo, House Mover, and the Tengu Tether will be covered along with several different ways to descend. You will practice self-rescue until it becomes instinctual. You will learn different types of tree entry and how to switch from the entry rope onto DRT once aloft. At the end of the course, you will rig out a tree for yourself and the instructor. Finish this course on Friday and be ready to practice your new skills with other students and experienced climbers during the weekend Rendezvous. Tuition \$400.

Wednesday–Friday, September 14, 15, or 16 – Introduction to SRT for Guided Climbs – taught by recognized expert tree climbing instructors.

This is a one-day course to be offered at least twice during these days, by arrangement with the instructors. It is designed to teach the student how to use mechanical ascenders and switch over to rappel. You will practice self-rescue several times until you are comfortable doing it on your own. At the end of this course, you will be comfortable climbing a big tree with a trained guide. No prior tree climbing experience or training is necessary. Tuition \$150.

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## Friday–Sunday, September 16, 17, 18 — WEEKEND RENDEZVOUS!

We all climb together in selected Douglas Firs, Ponderosa Pines, Oregon White Pines and/or Sugar Pines in our permitted National Forest area. This is the time everybody plays at their favorite climbing activity, from lazy Treeboating to thrilling traverses to magical high nights under the full moon. No classes or agendas will keep us from finding our own best expression as a community of people who love to climb trees.

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Monday, September 19 – Rendezvous 2005 officially ends

No organized activities are planned for this day. Some will be traveling home today. Our van will shuttle people to the Medford airport or Greyhound station as needed.

For those who reserved lodging at the Monument for tonight, meals will be available. Time to rest, regroup, and decide what's next.

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## SIDE TRIPS and OTHER ATTRACTIONS

While you are in scenic southern Oregon, consider a side trip or two, and making time for additional events.

- [Oregon Caves](#) holds regularly scheduled tours of the caverns
- The [Out 'n' About Treehouse Resort](#) is located in nearby Takilma, OR
- [Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park](#) just across the state border is home to some of the most venerable California Coast Redwoods alive today. We recommend a pilgrimage to pay homage to our giant friends (*not* to climb them)
- A beautiful 2-hour drive brings you to the Pacific Ocean at the [Oregon coast](#)
- A more ambitious drive will get you to [Crater Lake National Park](#)
- Both the Rogue River and the Illinois River offer beauty and excitement

AND...



SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22  
OPEN HOUSE at NEW TRIBE  
New Tribe Comes of Age – Our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party!

Everyone is welcome to stay after the Rendezvous to help New Tribe celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday! It will be a three-day Open House at the New Tribe Grange building, with tours and a Birthday Cake Event. We are 46 miles north of the Oregon Caves Rendezvous site (about a 1½-hour beautiful drive). We can shuttle you there in our vans. The Grange can sleep as many as 8 guests indoors, there is room for camping outside on the grounds, and places to set up 4 or 5 Treeboats. The New Tribe Crew invites you to join us for tree climbing and tree camping on our favorite nearby climbing spot, a knoll high above the Rogue River Valley with 360-degree views from the treetops. Growing here is a collection of old friends—Douglas Fir, Oregon White Pine and Sugar Pine over three hundred years old who have been a constant inspiration to us in our work and play. Celebrate with us and help us dream up the future!

**NO CHARGE** for lodging at the Grange or climbing on the knoll. We'll pool expenses for food and eat home-cooked grub from the Grange. Transportation from the Rendezvous, to the Grange, to the climbing site, and to the Medford Airport, will be provided at no charge.

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Thursday–Saturday, September 8, 9,10–North Coast Climb – led by [Pacific Tree Climbing Institute](#)

Climb and camp in old-growth forest on the beach of the north coast of Oregon. This guided climb includes an orientation to SRT Thursday morning followed by climbing that afternoon, sleeping aloft or in the campground at your discretion, exploring the beach and climbing the next day, sleeping aloft again if you wish. Traversing included. This climb is designed and intended for those with at least some climbing experience. Climbing equipment, food and camping gear included. Contact Teresa Damron at Pacific Tree Climbing Institute, LLC (Toll free (866-653-8733 or [teresa@pacifictreeclimbing.com](mailto:teresa@pacifictreeclimbing.com)) for more information or to reserve space. Pacific Tree Climbing Institute is an insured, registered outfitter/guide service in the state of Oregon climbing on permitted sites. Cost: \$850 per person, less 20% Rendezvous Discount (\$170) equals \$680 per person. Room for six people. Fly into Portland, rent a car, climb the north coast, travel south to the Rendezvous.

Tuesday–Wednesday, September 20, 21 – Central Cascades or Coast Range Climb – led by [Pacific Tree Climbing Institute](#)

Further explore some of the trees of Oregon after the Rendezvous. Pacific Tree Climbing Institute will take you to the permitted site of your choice in old-growth forests in the foothills of the central Cascade Mountains or the Coast Range of Oregon. Spend the night aloft if you wish, traverse, explore the forest. Climbing gear, food and camping gear included. Contact Teresa Damron at Pacific Tree Climbing Institute, LLC (Toll free 866-653-8733 or [teresa@pacifictreeclimbing.com](mailto:teresa@pacifictreeclimbing.com)) for more information or to reserve space. Pacific Tree Climbing Institute is an insured, registered outfitter/guide service in the state of Oregon climbing on permitted sites. Cost: \$500 per person, less 20% Rendezvous Discount (\$100) equals \$400 per person. Room for six people.

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## PEOPLE

Lots of folks have come forward out of the tree climbing community to help bring our Rendezvous together this year. Here is the beginning of our growing list of allies:

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Oregon Caves National Monument, Cave Junction, Oregon      September 14 -19, 2005

Event Registration, Lodging Reservation, and Enrollment for Tree Climbing Courses	Rate PER PERSON	NUMBER OF PERSONS	NUMBER OF NIGHTS	TOTAL
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> (required for all participants)	180.00 x			= \$
<b>LODGING &amp; MEALS</b> Rates include all meals and are listed per person, per night. If you will be tree-camping for some or all of your nights, choose "Campground" for those nights.		For Lodging at the Monument: Arriving date _____ Departing date _____		
<b>CHATEAU</b>				
Private one-bed (queen) room, one person	132.00 x	x		= \$
Private one-bed (queen) room, two persons	85.00 x	x		= \$
2- or 3-bed room (double beds), one person per bed	85.00 x	x		= \$
2- or 3-bed room (double beds), two persons per bed	62.50 x	x		= \$
<b>DORMITORY</b>				
Single bunk, per person, per night	50.00 x	x		= \$
<b>CAMPGROUND</b> (enter the number of nights you will use the Campground and/or be tree-camping)				
Per person, per night	40.00 x	x		= \$
<b>TREE CLIMBING COURSES</b>				
Introduction to SRT for Guided Climbs (no pre-requisite) One day Sept 14, 15, or 16	150.00 x			= \$
Basic DRT Tree Climbing Course (no pre-requisite) Sept 14-16	400.00 x			= \$
SRT Course (pre-requisite: familiarity with DRT) Sept 14-16	400.00 x			= \$
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE WITH REGISTRATION</b>				
In case of cancellation, 25% of this amount is NON-REFUNDABLE				
PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH PERSON INCLUDED IN THIS REGISTRATION (continue on separate sheet if more space is needed)				
Name	Name	Name		
Address	Address	Address		
Phone #1	Phone #1	Phone #1		
Phone #2	Phone #2	Phone #2		
Email	Email	Email		
T-Shirt Size	T-Shirt Size	T-Shirt Size		
TO RESERVE AIRPORT OR BUS STATION SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION IN OUR VAN, PLEASE TELL US YOUR ITINERARY:				

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To register for Tree Climbers Rendezvous 2005 and any Tree Climbing courses you want to take, and to reserve your lodging for the event, please fill in the registration form and mail it or fax it to us with your full payment by September 1, 2005. Payment may be made by personal check, money order, or any of these credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express.

In case of cancellation, 25% of the total is non-refundable. Any amount paid above 25% will be refunded.

Please make your check or money order payable to **New Tribe** and mail it to

New Tribe, Inc  
 PO Box 638  
 Grants Pass, OR 97528

If you wish to pay by credit card, please supply the following information:

Name and billing address of cardholder				
Check One:	Visa	MasterCard	Discover	AmEx
Card Number				Expiration Date
Security Code	Cardholder Signature		Date	
Telephone		Email		

If you are paying by credit card, you can register by fax by filling in all required information and faxing to New Tribe at 541-476-5804.

All registrants will receive confirmation of registration by email or fax, and we will send you a registration packet by US Mail.

All of us at New Tribe are eager to meet you at Tree Climbers Rendezvous 2005! We're working together to provide you with complete information about the Rendezvous event. Please call or email us anytime you have questions about the Rendezvous. We look forward to meeting you at the top!

*Sophia, Viola, Barbara, and all the New Tribe Crew*

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