Help clean up the Astoria Aquatic Center Sunday

Astoria Parks and Recreation invites you to CHIP-in this weekend

ASTORIA — Astoria Parks and Recreation announces that its Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIP-in) program is set to help clean and improve the Astoria Aquatic Center on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Interested volunteers are invited to attend the CHIP-in event at the Aquatic Center, located at 1997 Marine Drive, from 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will help clean-up trash, clean the inside of the Aquatic Center, remove weeds, shape shrubbery, repaint parking lot lines, put in bark mulch and more.

CHIP-in has other volunteer opportunities available with monthly park clean-ups as well as park adoption. More information is available on the Astoria Parks & Recreation Facebook page and website, www.astoriaparks.com

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a clean-up, contact Melissa Keyser, CHIP-in volunteer coordinator, at chip-in@astoria.or.us or 503-741-5965.

CHIP-in

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Astoria Aquatic Center

1997 Marine Drive, Astoria

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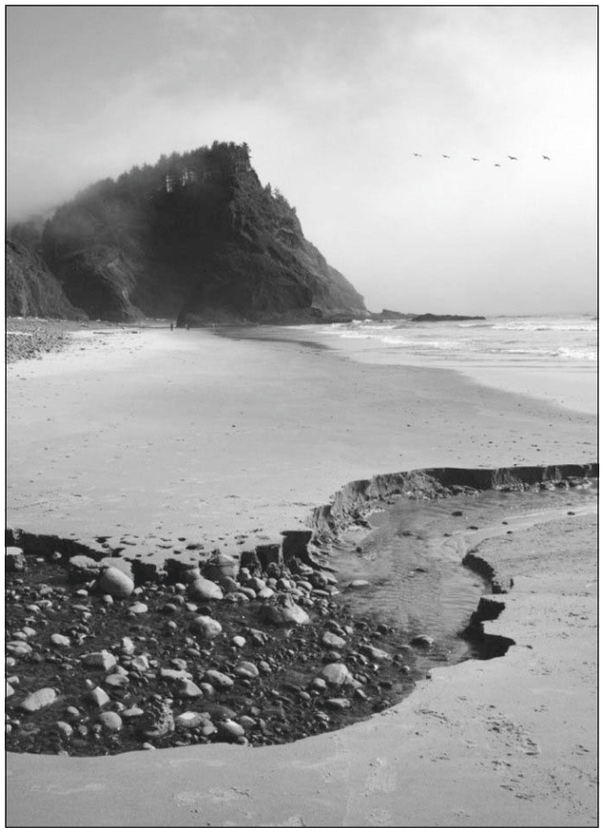
Submit photos to Oregon photo contest

'The Sea That Feeds Us' celebrates state marine reserves



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Improve your knowledge of outdoor photography with Outdoor Viewfinder at a free outdoor class Sept. 19 in Oswald West State Park.

MANZANITA — Do you like walking on the beach, watching seabirds or just enjoying the views of the Oregon Coast? You can share how you connect with Oregon's marine reserves and special places by submitting a photo to "The Sea That Feeds Us," a photo contest hosted by the Oregon Marine Reserves Partnership (OMRP) and Outdoor Viewfinder.

The contest, which launched in May and ends Oct. 15, is a great way for anyone to share their connection with Oregon's five marine reserves and nine protected areas by submitting a photo online at www.oregonmarinereserves.org/2015-photo-contest

The five marine reserves are Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua and Redfish Rocks. The three categories of photo submissions include landscapes, people, and fish and wildlife.

Prizes will be awarded in October in all three categories and include free kayak and boat tours, a $700 pair of Leupold binoculars, tickets to the Oregon aquarium, free lodging at a coastal hotel and more.

As part of the photo contest, OMRP is sponsoring free photo workshops by professional photographer Jason Waicunas of Outdoor Viewfinder.

The next workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, located north of Manzanita and adjacent to Oswald West State Park.

The workshops will give people the opportunity to photograph crashing waves, tide pools, wildlife, people and coastal landscapes.

Waicunas will teach class participants the artistic side of outdoor photography and providing technical information with an emphasis on proper exposure and composition. Whether you barely know how to use your camera or are an advanced photographer stuck in a creative rut, Outdoor Viewfinder will help get you on the way to making better photographs and have a great time learning.

Class size is limited to 10 people and spots fill quickly. Contact Jason Waicunas at www.oviewfinder.com/photography-classes-tours to make a reservation.

Join in the fun and share your connection with Oregon's marine reserves by submitting a photo to Oregon's first marine reserve photo contest. To learn more about the photo contest, visit www.oregonmarinereserves.org/2015-photo-contest

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