

# Outlaws take top honors at Cascade Invitational

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The Lady Outlaws attended the Cascade Invitational volleyball tournament held on Saturday, September 12, and bested every opponent they faced en route to their first-place finish. Sisters sailed with ease over Newport, Scappoose, and Cascade in pool play. They were seeded first as they headed into bracket play and went on to dismantle Salem Academy, Philomath, and Tillamook.

Sisters started bracket play with a 25-11, 25-15 win over Salem Academy. Alex Hartford was poised and in complete control at the service line and finished a perfect 20/20 from the line. Allie Spear went six-for-six from the service line and led the team with nine kills. Jessie Brigham led the defense as libero and recorded 13 digs in the match.

The Outlaws went on to defeat Philomath 25-13, 25-16. Hawley Harrer led the squad with 11 kills and was spot-on from the service line, going nine-for-nine, with three aces. Hartford dished out 14 assists and was 13/14 from the line.

Sisters bested Tillamook in the championship game 25-13, 25-16, and took home the trophy. Spear and Harrer both contributed seven kills in the match, Brigham recorded 11 digs, and Hartford posted 10 assists.

The Outlaws played well throughout the tournament in some tough conditions, which included a very hot and humid gym. Toward the end of the

tourney, the Lady Outlaws were drained, but were able to maintain their level of play and continued to play strong.

Sisters' strong suit throughout the tournament was their almost-flawless serving. The Outlaws placed their serves in perfect spots and took advantage of any weakness their opponents had on serve-receive. Coach Brad Bulloch called the serve placement, and the girls attacked those spots, which gave them momentum in every match.

"This tournament gave us great opportunities to run some different things on offense, and to invite Brooke Knirk and Peytan Zanck to the middle," said Coach Jason Myhre. "Emma (Houck), Cassidy (Ling-Scott), and Kendra (Sitz) were able to see a lot more playing time, and Allie (Spear) and Ashlynn (Cantwell) really started to get aggressive with their hitting. All-in-all, it was a long day, but some really good court time for all of our girls."

# Woodland owners invited to workshop

As this year's severe wildfire season sweeps through Oregon and the West, a group of Central Oregon partners are hoping to fuel interest among private woodland owners to pursue proactive wildfire prevention.

Members of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, along with the Oregon State University Extension Service, the U.S. Forest Service, Project Wildfire, and Deschutes County are teaming up to educate local woodland owners about forest conservation.

These agencies are hosting a Woodlands Workshop Sept. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the La Pine Park & Recreation District (16405 1st Street) in La Pine. The workshop is open to the public. Food and beverages will be served. RSVPs are encouraged by contacting Nicole Strong, OSU Forestry Extension agent for Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties, at 541-548-6088 ext. 7955 or nicole.strong@oregonstate.edu. "This year and for the past

few years, Oregon landowners have seen the destruction that severe wildfires can have on woodlands and forests, both public and private," said Tom Bennett, NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) district conservationist in Deschutes County. "NRCS is working with local partners to engage private landowners in proactive, voluntary woodland restoration and fuels reduction. Our goal is to provide them with information and resources, including technical and financial assistance, to help them protect their woods and keep them resilient to wildfire and disease."


The September 24 workshop will cover a variety of topics important to local woodland owners, such as: preventing wildfire on their property, keeping trees healthy and resistant to unwanted insects and disease, and increasing the beauty and wildlife habitat of their property.

Participants will learn about the educational, technical and financial assistance

programs available to help them conserve and protect private woodlands. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their forestry interests and needs with technical experts.

"Even if you have only a few acres of woods there are programs and resources available to help you keep your woods healthy and resistant to catastrophic wildfire," said Nicole Strong, forester with the Oregon State University Extension Service in Deschutes County. "We encourage all local woodland owners in our community to attend this workshop — chances are you will learn something you didn't know that can help you get the most of our your woods."

For more information about the Woodlands Workshop, or for information about conservation programs available in Deschutes County, contact Tom Bennett, NRCS District Conservationist at 541-923-4358, ext. 123 or Tom.Bennett@or.usda.gov.



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