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Five-year-old Mekelie carefully selected her prize after the egg hunt.

EGG HUNT: Volunteers worked for hours for minutes of action

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Loads of parents and spectators watched the free-for-all in awe, cheering them on with some parents steering their tiny tots in the right direction.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Roger Johnson was laughing at how fast the ambitious little hunters snatched up all the Easter eggs.

"It's great fun to watch how these kids can find 6,000 eggs in only five minutes. And yet it took lots of volunteer over two hours to hide them," Johnson said.

After filling her basket full of eggs, 5-year-old Josie

Jaschke and her 7-year-old sister Sierra sat down to frantically open each of their plastic eggs.

"We have to look fast to see if we have a prize egg. Because then you can pick a really neat toy," Sierra Jaschke explained.

One family was shouting with joy and taking photos after they discovered that their 10-year-old daughter April, her 7-year-old sister Leah, and 5-year-old brother Evan all ended up with prize eggs.

You can't beat that.

The sun held out for the entire egg hunt, and there were plenty of happy faces and full Easter baskets to see as the egg-stravaganza came to an end.

BIKE RIDE: Event will help support SPRD programs

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averages an eight- to nine-percent incline where it finally peaks out at the top of the pass at 5,200 feet, at Dee Wright Observatory, about 15 miles into the course. There's a dramatic change in landscape from SPRD to Dee Wright Observatory, with riders beginning in large pine forests, passing through Douglas fir forests, and finally ending in the alpine lava landscape that characterizes the Dee Wright Observatory. The view from the observatory offers a panorama of the Cascade Mountain Range. Mountains as far away as Mt. Adams, a large volcanic mountain in Southern Washington nearly 200 miles away, can be seen on clear days. An aid station is available at the summit of the ride, where riders can fuel up on water and light snacks before continuing their journey.

Some riders choose to turn around at the observatory while others continue along the route toward the West Gate. For riders that continue toward the west gate on this out-and-back ride, the scenery is comprised of alpine meadows, mountain views, and roadside ponds as riders wind their way down the west slopes of the Cascades.



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New name, same satisfaction for cyclists.

The west gate is the final destination of the ride. Some riders continue beyond the final aid station, which is approximately 31 miles outside of Sisters. Belknap Hot Spring is just another eight miles down the road for the most ambitious riders.

After returning from their ride at SPRD, registered participants are invited to enjoy post-ride festivities including music by The Anvil Blasters and a taco bar. The Anvil Blasters, self-described as "Western music for Central

Oregon: rowdy and mellow story-songs," greet the riders beginning at 3 p.m., while a traditional taco meal including beans, rice, veggies and meat will be served at a taco bar.

More information, including a course map and registration for the event, is available at www.CrestTheCascades.com. Currently, registrations taken on or before May 15 are \$35 and registrations after May 15 are \$40. Participants can pre-order T-shirts for \$15 during their registration.

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