Wesley movie night

Wesley Center Bible Study will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

Et als

Wesley Night Goes to the Movies will meet Wednesday night at 7 at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

VOLUNTEERS

The following volunteer opportunities are available by calling the Volunteer Connection, 683-9000:

- Golf tourney event aide, three hours on Saturday, July 28, for the Lane County Relief Nursery Fundraiser. Sell raffle tickets or watch golfers and post their scores at contest holes on the course.
- Front desk assistant three hours a week, for the Eugene/Springfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau Greet visitors and give them tourism information, answer phones.
- Female drivers, three hours a week, for the Department of Human Resources Volunteer Program. Pick up teen-aged and younger girls

and transport them to an incest therapy support group.

• Emergency service volunteers, flexible hours, for the Lane County Department of Public Safety. Choose from a variety of volunteer options in the Search and Rescue program, including mountain rescue, ski patrol, mounted posse, emergency radio communication or water search and rescue.

• Emotional support volunteer, six hours a week, for Shanti in Oregon, Inc. Offer support through peer counseling to people who are HIV-positive or have a diagnosis of AIDS, and to their friends and family. Training is provided.

Deadline for submitting Et als to the Emerald front desk. EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.

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Earth First! gathering under way

ENNIS, Mont. (AP) — On a cool, windy morning in the shadows of the snow-tipped Madison Range, the environmental group Earth First! began its annual gathering today with state, local and federal authorities planning to keep a low-key, watchful eye on the week-long event.

Some 500 members and supporters were expected for the Round River Rendezvous, located 25 miles south of here in the Beaverhead National Forest. It is the 11th annual meeting of the organization known for its militant approach to defending pature.

Members were busy over the weekend preparing the site. A stage has been erected with bales of hay and a sheet of plywood and a stationary bicycle will be used to power a generator to operate a sound system.

Tents dot the serene wooded hillside as Earth Firsters packed the essentials on their backs for the quarter-mile jaunt from the parking lot. Banners appear tied to trees designating the regions the campers call home.

Earth First! member John Lilburn of Missoula said workshops on a variety of environmental subjects will be held on the opening days of the gathering, as participants begin arriving from across the United States and Canada.

Bill Haskins, another organizer from Missoula, said the only problem encountered so far has been obtaining the necessary number of portable toilets. A Butte firm that had agreed to provide the devices changed its mind at the last minute.

"The man was obviously frightened and evidently had been threatened," Haskins said.

Officers from the Madison County sheriff's office, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be on hand as observers and peace-keepers, authorities said.

"We will be fairly low-key, watching from afar," said Jack de Golia, a spokesman for the Beaverhead forest. "One of the things we're going to do is trying to keep people apart if they're not friendly toward each other. We hope that local folks in Madison County will go about their business, and when the week is over, people will go home."

Robert Kellog, Forest Service law enforcement officer, said he's not expecting any problems because Earth First! historically has not created trouble near its meeting sites and "there's no reason to expect they will this time."

"They're just a group of people who have banded together for a common cause," he said. "That's what makes the United States great."

"We (law enforcement) aren't going to do anything abnormal or irrational. We're not going to harass those people in any way, shape or form."

However, Lilburn said he suspects undercover officers will be circulating at the gathering.

Scores of local residents showed up on March 30 for a hearing in Ennis on the Earth First! application for a Forest Service permit to hold the rendezvous. Many of them spoke against the permit.

The Denver-based Mountain States Legal Foundation also sued in federal court last week to stop the meeting, arguing that Earth First! should be barred from the forest because it advocates illegal acts of sabotage against developers of the nation's wildlands.

U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell of Helena rebuffed the lawsuit Thursday, saying the Forest Service had acted properly in granting Earth First! the permit for its gathering.

An appeal of Lovell's ruling arrived at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Friday and Judge Alex Kozinsky refused to intervene in the case, the clerk's office said today. The judge said opponents of the meeting had "failed to make a substantial showing of harm" or of a likelihood of winning their suit.





