

News briefs

Oregonians can enjoy state parks for free

Oregon State Parks will waive day-use fees and camping fees for hookup or tent sites Saturday as part of the 4th annual State Parks Day.

"We hope many Oregonians will use this occasion to come out and enjoy their parks," said Michael Carrier, director of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

Guides will give tours of natural and historical resources at the state parks. These tours will include lighthouses, farmsteads, kayaking and an outdoor logging museum.

Two state parks in Central Oregon will hold celebrations for new projects. LaPine State Park will

open 10 miles of new trails, which will enable hikers to reach both the Deschutes and Fall rivers. Rangers at Smith Rock State Park will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a restored bridge over the Crooked River and reopen restored trails.

While camping is free, reservations are still needed and can be made by calling Reservations Northwest at 1-800-452-5687.

The Oregon State Legislature established Oregon State Parks Day in 1997. Its purpose is to bring attention to the heritage, use, development and funding of Oregon's state park system.

Benefit to be held for earthquake survivors

The sounds of Cajun swamp rock and Zimbabwean marimba will fill the EMU Fir Room Saturday from 7-9 p.m. for a night of

dancing and music to help benefit survivors of the Indian earthquake.

The earthquake shook India on Jan. 26, killing an estimated 30,000 people, leaving hundreds of thousands more homeless and wreaking havoc on the Gujarat region of western India.

This summer, a group of about a dozen students — including three from the University — will be traveling to India to help rebuild schools that were destroyed during the earthquake. Donations of \$5 can be made at the door and all proceeds gained through the event will go to the rebuilding efforts.

Two bands will shake the room Saturday. Acoustic Etouffee, a Cajun swamp rock band, will begin playing at 7 p.m. Timbila, which plays upbeat dance music from Africa, will take over at 8 p.m.

YMCA to hold first-ever World's Largest Run

Children, teens, adults and families are invited to celebrate the YMCA's 150th anniversary this weekend in Eugene. The cornerstone event will be the first-ever YMCA World's Largest Run.

The run starts at 7 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Hilyard Street and 20th Avenue. Adult runners must pay a \$15 registration fee and children under 12 must pay \$5. The money will go to YMCA youth programs.

"The fee raises funds for underprivileged kids so they can have scholarships to participate in summer camps and programs," said Shannon Kilduff, Eugene Family YMCA development director.

The Eugene Family YMCA holds soccer, kayaking and white-water camps for kids in the Eugene

area during the summer months. But the YMCA offers programs for all ages.

"This isn't just a kid place," Kilduff said. "And it is not just a fitness center."

Kilduff said the YMCA offers multiple programs, which are based around character development.

YMCA stands for Young Men's Christian Association and began as a Christian men's group in 1851. Its mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body. More than 6,000 people belong to the Eugene YMCA, Kilduff said.

Programs across the country will synchronize their races to start at the same time Saturday. For more information, call the Eugene YMCA at 686-9622.

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Please join us on Friday, June 1st from 2:30-4:00 p.m. for a discussion of our observations, suggestions, and recommendations for suggested revisions to the Clark Document and some observations about incidental fee processes.

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