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ROAD TRIP, ANYONE?

Celebrate Pride 2004 throughout the Pacific Northwest

by Jim Radosta

Pride will be busting out all over the Pacific Northwest this summer.

The region's biggest event is Seattle Pride, which will be held June 26 and 27. The theme is "i-scream PRIDE!"

"The ice cream adds a lot of fun to the event—youthfulness that we can all remember from our childhood," says Melissa Holloway, Seattle Pride co-chairwoman. "In our current political climate, 'I scream' is a statement about making yourself heard, being proud of who you are and standing up for your rights as part of this world. We are encouraging everyone to scream PRIDE."

The Seattle Pride March will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 27. It starts at the corner of Broadway and Pike and continues north on Broadway up to Volunteer Park, where all of the festival events will be held:



Crystal Waters will headline Seattle Pride 2004 on June 27 in Volunteer Park

• Seattle Pride Festival:

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 26 and 27. Headliner Crystal Waters will perform from 3 to 3:30 p.m. June 27.

• Reception: noon to 7 p.m. June 26 and noon to 6 p.m. June 27 at the Seattle Asian Art Museum. Proceeds benefit Seattle Pride. Beer and wine will be served. Admission is by invitation only because of park regulations. To reserve a space call 206-324-0405 or e-mail info@seattlepride.org.

• Bingo in the Park: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 26.

• Movie Night in the Park: Watch *9 to 5* on a big screen from 8:45 to 11 p.m. June 26. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

For more information visit www.seattlepride.org.

In addition, Pride parties will be popping up in smaller cities from central Washington to southern Oregon:

• Ashland: The Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center presents southern Oregon's first-ever Pride from June 4 to 13. See calendar of events on Page 24.

• Yakima: Yakima Pride will celebrate its 10th year with speakers, information tables, entertainment, a picnic and a potluck from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 12 at Fulbright Park.

• Olympia: The theme for this year's Capitol City Pride is "Best Supporting Activist: Behind-the-Scenes Stars of the Community." Gather between 11 and 11:45 a.m. June 19 at the fountain on the State Capitol campus for a parade and rally, which will march down Capitol Way at noon. A festival will follow from 12:30 to 5 p.m. in Sylvester Park, which is located at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and Legion Way downtown.

For more information visit www.rainbowcenter.org.

• Vancouver: The 10th annual Saturday in the Park will take place from noon to 5 p.m. July 10 at Esther Short Park downtown. The theme is "Your World Is Our World: Freedom, Faith and Equality."

For more information visit groups.msn.com/sitp2004.

• Salem: Capitol Pride will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25 at Cascade Gateway Park. This year's celebration, "Picnic in the Park," will feature live music, a softball game, races and other activities for kids and adults, information booths, voter registration cards and a free barbecue. Capitol Pride organizers will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and chips; people are welcome to bring other items to grill and are asked to provide their own refreshments. Drugs and alcohol are prohibited. Donations to help defray the cost will be accepted but are not necessary.

For more information visit www.capitolpride.org.

• Eugene: This year's Pride Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 1 at Alton Baker Park. "Equality in Our Lifetime" will include music, entertainment, food, a beer garden, craft and merchandise booths, community organizations, the popular Bachelor Auction, performers from the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire, Soromundi: Lesbian Chorus of Eugene, the Rainbow Wranglers, the first-ever Community Member of the Year Awards and many more surprises. An after-party starts 7 p.m. at Neighbors, 1417 Villard St.

A special SHEBANG! show will precede the festival July 31 at Neighbors. Admission buttons are \$7.50 at the gate, \$5 in advance. A limited number of reduced-price and free buttons are available for low-income people; call 541-342-1490 or e-mail pride@rockergirl.net.

In addition, a Stonewall Commemorative Ceremony will be held June 28 at a location to be announced. The event will honor the heroes and heroes who started the fight for queer equality 35 years ago. The ceremony will include speakers and community groups, a celebration of victories and inspiration for the work still to do. Admission is free.

For more information visit www.eugenepride.org.



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