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EUGENE CELEBRATES PRIDE

This year's Pride Festival in Eugene will be held from noon to 8 p.m. July 23 at Alton Baker Park. The theme is "Life Is a Beach!"

Bring your swimsuit, sunscreen and sweetheart for a day of fun in the sun. The festivities will include music, entertainment, food, a beer garden, craft and merchandise booths, community organizations and the ever-popular bachelor and bachelorette auction.

The suggested donation for admittance to the Pride Festival is \$5, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Volunteering is a great way to help out and earn your way in, and all donations and contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information, check out www.eugenepride.org.

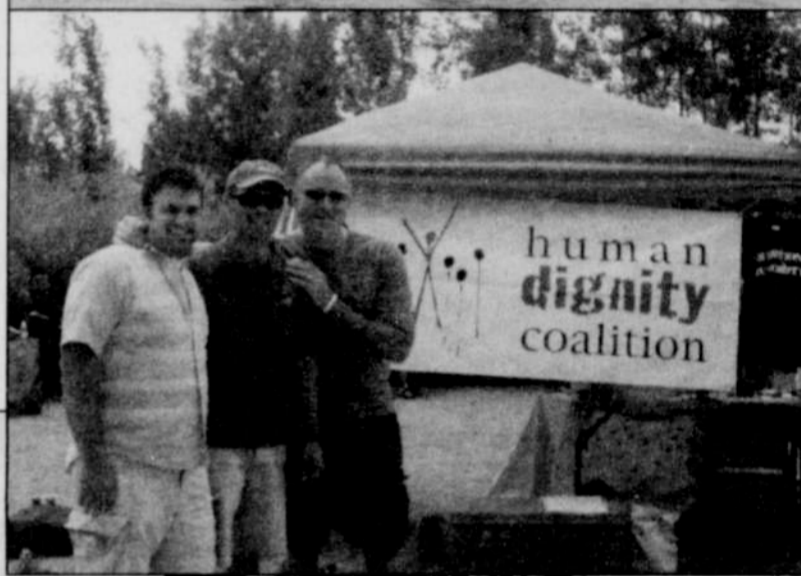


VANCOUVER'S SATURDAY IN THE PARK PLANNED FOR JULY 9

The 11th annual Saturday in the Park, to be held from noon to 5 p.m. July 9 at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Wash., will be devoted to celebrating gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Pride. The event will be similar to previous years and will include live music and entertainment, information booths staffed by many organizations and agencies, retail booths with various Pride products, a fenced-off beer garden, presentation of the Community Pride Award and a variety of guest speakers.

Saturday in the Park 2005 will be attended by members of the queer and allied communities of Vancouver, Portland and rural Southwest Washington. This is a free event.

For more information-contact Brent Bartling at 360-695-3862 or brentnorthbank@msn.com.



CENTRAL OREGONIANS CELEBRATE PRIDE

Close to 100 Central Oregonians celebrated Gay Pride Month at Bend's first-ever public Pride event June 19. Representatives from the Human Dignity Coalition and Basic Rights Oregon were on hand distributing materials while friends and families from the community enjoyed a potluck, games, music and even a traditional float down the Deschutes River.

The event was covered by local media, including the local television station, which made it the top story during the evening news.



Central Oregonians at the first-ever Pride celebration in Bend (above and right) spent the day eating, hacky-sacking, hula-hooping and rafting.