

TUE • AUG. 29

Paragon Club presents the queer night **Havoc** every Tuesday featuring DJs Girl-Pilot, Rashidoblaize and rotating guests spinning '80s, new wave, dark tech-no pop and hip-hop. (9 pm. 815 N Killingsworth St.)

WED • AUG. 30

Join friends for an afternoon of bowling fun with **Elder Resource Alliance** at AMF Pro 300 Lanes. (2-4 pm. 3031 SE Powell Blvd. \$6 includes three games and shoes. RSVP to Rachel at 503-224-2640.)

Tony-winning actress Cherry Jones hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian news-magazine **In the Life** on OPB. "Pieces of History" highlights some remarkable people whose inspiring stories reveal the rich history of the sexual minorities community. (11 pm.)

THU • AUG. 31

Write Around Portland celebrates the release of its summer anthology—featuring writing from queer youth, Girl Scouts and their incarcerated mothers, veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and women with breast cancer—at First Congregational Church. (6:30-8:30 pm. 1126 SW Park Ave.)

The **Adventure Group** takes an easy bike ride to the Last Thursday art walk on Northeast Alberta Street. Meet at the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge. (6:45 pm. Jim 503-754-4804. communications@adventuregroup.org.)

The Egyptian Club presents **Summer Sizzle**, a smoke-free drag benefit to help send Johnny Mozzarella and Coach Romo to the International Drag King Extravaganza in Austin, Texas! (8 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$5.)

The **Gossip** kicks off its fall tour at Wonder Ballroom with **Mika Miko** and **Swan Island**. (8:30 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

Queer neo-folk sensation **Holcombe Waller** performs at Doug Fir Lounge with **Nick Jaina** and **The Music Population Orchestra**. (9 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$7 from TicketsWest.)

FRI • SEPT. 1

Boyz in the Woods and Q-Squared invite adult gay, bi and trans men to **CAMP** in the midst of Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington through Sept. 4. (\$175 from 206-984-CAMP or www.qcamp.org.)

Out Dancing's **beginning samba** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in September

at Ankeny Street Studio. **Intermediate rumba** class follows. (7-8 pm samba [\$30 for month], 8-9 pm rumba [\$40 for month]. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

The new digital lounge Sameday presents **St. Vitus Dance Club** with DJ Try My Cabbage and the Pan-Zen Conspiracy Netwyrk. Cutting-edge club music intertwines with live dance performances to whip the crowd into a frenzy of communal expression and creative narcissism. (9 pm-2 am. 125 NW Fifth Ave. \$5.)

SAT • SEPT. 2

The women of **The Forest Group** take an easy hike along the Hood River County Fruit Loop, followed by a visit to Alice's Orchard and Fruit Stand for U-pick pears and peaches and an optional wine tasting at Hood River Vineyards. Meet in the northwest corner of the Circuit City parking lot. (10 am. 1700 NE 102nd Ave. Julia 503-257-2604.)

The 10th annual **Art in the Pearl** fills Portland's North Park Blocks with art, theater, music and hands-on activities for people of all ages through Sept. 4. (10 am-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm Monday. www.artinthepearl.com.)

The Portland Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence celebrate their first anniversary during the **Exequatur Party** at Jupiter Hotel featuring a silent auction, performances by Mylar Black and Miss Gay Oregon Terrika St. James, fire dancing by Peach and music by DJ Harmonix. Proceeds benefit Camp Starlight and the Sisters Grant Fund. (7 pm. 800 E Burnside St. \$5 donation.)

Alex Hollywood hosts a CD release party for **A Public Affair** by **Jessica Simpson** at C.C. Slaughters. Win free music! (Midnight. 219 NW Davis St.)

SUN • SEPT. 3

Q Center presents **Family Playdate** every first Sunday. (Noon-2 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Get lucky during the Fox & Hounds' **Monthly Charity Bingo**. (3:30 pm. 217 SW Second Ave.)

Tough Titties Productions and PosterChild Promotion present **Evolution**, a trans-inclusive queer girls dance party where adventure awaits on every curve! DJs Saffronica and Harmony spin hip-hop-o-licious grooves every first Sunday at Zaytoon. (5-10 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St. \$5.)

Darcelle XV & Company crown the most glamorous female impersonator in the world during the 25th annual **La Femme Magnifique International Pageant** at the Oregon Convention Center. This year's theme, "La Femme Goes Back to Its Roots...Return to the Disco," pays tribute to the pageant's early years, when disco fever was gripping the nation! (8 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$30 from 503-222-5338.)

Pitch a Tent

Ah, life at camp—the camaraderie, the swimming and sports, the talent show, the crush you had on your camp counselor. Life was bliss at camp...that is, except for us. For many of us queer boys, the camp experience was anything but bliss—the hazing, the name-calling, the ostracizing, the crush you had on your camp counselor.

Luckily, all that has changed. Now, there's **CAMP**! An event hosted by **Boyz in the Woods** and **Q-Squared**, **CAMP** revisits the camp

experience for adult gay, bi and trans men and—whoo!—have things changed! Set up very much like the old camping experience—with workshops, activities, "tribes," talent shows and lots of cute guys—this camp not only allows you to be queer as folk, it encourages it!

For the past 11 years, **CAMP** has met during Labor Day weekend at a campground in the midst of Gifford Pinchot National Forest, not far from Mount St. Helens in Washington. Here,

around 150 queer men enjoy a weekend of safe fun and frolicking!

Joe Vollmer, a 43-year-old gay Seattle native and "head boy" for **Boyz in the Woods**, explains, "At **CAMP**, you can do what you want in a safe retreat environment removed from the attitude and pressures of city life." There are workshops on everything from life drawing to flirting to Drag 101, and activities include hiking, sports, kite flying and star gazing.

"**CAMP** is founded on five values or 'virtues,' as we call them," Vollmer says. "They are self, respect, growth, celebration and community. We believe those virtues are universal to everyone. **CAMP** makes me optimistic about the gay community."

CAMP is a place for queer men to build lasting friendships, to learn more about who we are and to encourage a stronger sense of community. Tolerance and diversity are keywords here, and "being different" is actually a good thing!

"Evenings are pretty special," Vollmer says. "We have a dance on Saturday night. This year's theme is a toga party we're calling 'Gai Pompeii.' Personally, my favorite night is Sunday night, which is when we have our talent show. The sheer talent and creativity that is part of our community is phenomenal."

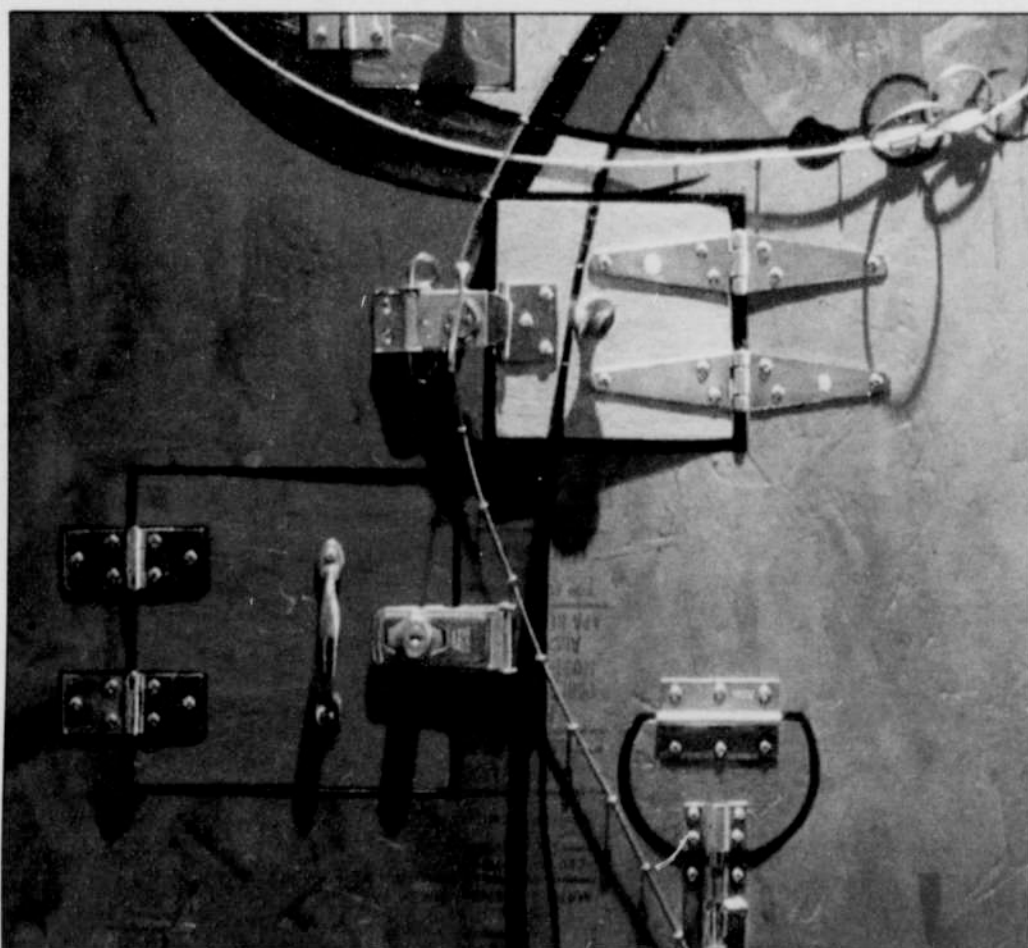
This year's **CAMP** is going to be great—volleyball, hiking, the company of other queers and who knows? Maybe a crush on your camp counselor? Only this time he might have a crush on you, too!

CAMP convenes from Sept. 1 to 4. The cost, including meals, is \$175. To register call 206-984-CAMP or visit www.qcamp.org.

—Glenn Scofield Williams



CAMP encourages queer men to revisit the old camping experience every Labor Day weekend.



Gay-owned Crush exhibits interactive multimedia art through Sept. 3.

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Since 1987 the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$152,000.00 in scholarships grants to gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans individuals and their children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who volunteer or donate to ensure our community's continued education.

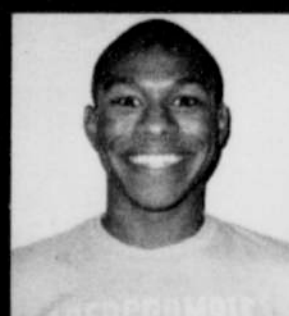
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