

Guide to Pride Statewide Pride

In the spirit throughout the region
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Residents of Oregon and Southwest Washington will show their Pride this summer with events spanning from Vancouver to the Golden State border.

Event organizers have done a fabulous job putting the festivities together, making Pride a personal priority and creating a fun, safe environment for kids, families, queers and communities.

Statewide Pride revelers see these events as an opportunity to party hard, create relationships, build community, bond with friends and honor achievements among queers and allies. To become a genuine Pride connoisseur, attend them all and show your Pride, statewide.

Saturday in the Park

Vancouver will celebrate Pride with the 13th annual Saturday in the Park from noon to 6 p.m. July 21 in Esther Short Park at the corner of West Eighth Street and Columbia Street downtown. This year's theme is "Out and Proud."

The free, family-friendly event is expected to be a hit, attracting an anticipated 3,000 people. The celebration will feature live music, entertainment, information booths, guest speakers, presentations, a beer garden and more.

For more information visit www.sitppride.org.

NoPo Pride

The fourth annual North Portland Pride will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 after morning worship at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N. Lombard St.

The church and co-sponsor Portsmouth Neighborhood Association will provide free food, including hamburgers, hot dogs,

watermelons and an entire spread of picnic cuisine. There will be musical performances every hour, including sounds by talented and popular Portland native Donna Jose. Leading local political figures are expected to speak at the event, attracting more than 200 people.

For more information visit www.upumc.net.

Capitol Pride

Capitol Pride coordinators are encouraging residents from Salem and the Willamette Valley to attend this year's celebration from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at Cascades Gateway Park, 2100 Turner Road S.E. in Salem.

Capitol Pride will feature entertainment, including music by Nicole Sangsuree; karaoke; speakers, including representatives from Basic Rights Oregon; vendors from Rainbow Youth, Planned Parenthood, Freedom Friends Church, Equity Foundation and more; and a performance from the SheBang Drag Show.

Between 600 and 700 people are expected to attend the event, which has been growing strong and gaining popularity since its founding in 1978, when only nine people attended.

An after-party is planned at South Side Speakeasy, 3529 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.

For more information call Jonathan Reitan at 503-880-2536 or visit www.capitolpride.org.

Eugene/Springfield Pride

Pride celebrants from Eugene and Springfield will gather at gorgeous Alton Baker Park, east of the Ferry Street Bridge on the north



Drag performers put on a show for a crowd of Pride partygoers last year in Salem.



Salem celebrants participate in government accountability at Capitol Pride 2006.

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