



Carpenters picnic draws 1,850 to Champoeg Park

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters held a union picnic July 26 at Champoeg Park in Wilsonville. An estimated 1,850 people from a variety of Carpenter locals in Oregon and Southwest Washington attended. It was the fourth picnic hosted by the regional council this summer. With similar events held in Enumclaw, Washington, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Butte Montana. "These are member solidarity picnics that include the entire family. "There was food, games and fun for everyone," said Carpenters spokesman Eric Franklin. At each picnic, a name was drawn for a member of one union local to win a family trip for four to Disneyland. At Champoeg Park, Darren Dupree, a third-year apprentice and member of Exterior and Interior Specialists Local 2154, was the big winner.

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"I'm constantly surprised by the drive of so many young people that aren't even getting paid to work with the association," says Wisnor.

But for some, economic security meant leaving the service-sector altogether. Heiney did, and never looked back. "I joined a carpentry apprentice-

ship program," he states. "It's a union job, which offers me the security of benefits, of good insurance for my entire family."

Plus, it's a trade that will stick around.

"They can't ship carpentry jobs overseas. I mean who would people get to remodel their homes?"

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