



Scenes from Labor Day 2008

Thousands of union members and their families turned out at union-sponsored Labor Day picnics in Portland, McMinnville, Springfield, Bend, Astoria, North Bend, and Medford. The largest crowd was at Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. Activities at Oaks Park included lots of political campaigning, barbecuing, pro wrestling, and carnival rides. Pictured on this page: Kurt Schrader (below right), a candidate for the U.S.

House of Representatives, spoke to the crowd. UFCW Local 555 Union Rep Sam Gillispie (below center) served members lots of hamburgers and hot dogs. Grapplers from Portland Extreme Wrestling (below left) kept the crowd entertained, while a gorilla (right) terrified small children — but not on purpose. The park estimated turnout at around 12,000. In the photo below, cars are lined up across the Sellwood Bridge to get in.



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