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A DAY FOR PICNICS

Every year on Labor Day, union members come together to celebrate family and community. Here are this year's events.

PORTLAND — The region's largest Labor Day picnic takes place at Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland, sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Members and their families from dozens of unions — up to 20,000 people — turn out for barbecue, games, carnival rides, raffle drawings, music, and a chance to hear from local politicians. The picnic runs 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. There will be a kids' scavenger hunt, and a blood drive challenge. Politicians take the stage at 1 p.m. For the first time in several years, **all of Oregon's Congressional delegation will be invited to the stage to speak.** [The four Oregon Democrats who supported Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track) legislation in 2015 had their invitations rescinded for two years.]

Free shuttle train: Labor Day is the busiest day of

FOOD-DRINK-FUN

Deluxe ride bracelets \$10.50
Food/drink scrip 50¢

Burger + chips	3 scrip
Hot dog + chips	2 scrip
Chili	1 scrip
Beer	4 scrip
Pop	2 scrip
Water	1 scrip

FREE SHUTTLE TRAIN!



LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4

the year at Oaks Park. To help union members avoid traffic jams and parking headaches, the Northwest Oregon Labor Council has made arrangements with the Oregon Pacific Railroad for a free shuttle train into Oaks Park. The train boards at Southeast 4th and Caruthers, near OMSI. There is plenty of street parking near the McLoughlin Overpass and McCoy Millwork, and the Portland Opera will open its parking lot —

yellow spaces only. The pin code for the gate will be 1895. The 5-mile shuttle runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last train). For more information, call the Northwest Oregon Labor Council at 503-235-9444.

ASHLAND — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Emigrant Lake, Picnic Shelter D, 5505 Highway 66, Ashland. Lunch will be served at noon. Vehicle fee of \$4. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Chapter.

BEND — Noon to 3:30 p.m., Pioneer Park, NW Wall St., Bend. There will be food, drinks, and live music. Bring your family! Invite your friends! Sponsored by the Central Oregon Central Labor Chapter.

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNTIES — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Toutle River RV Resort, 150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock, Washington, Exit 52 off I-5. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and barbecued ribs will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish to share. There will be music, swimming, kids' games, a bouncy house, a giant croquet tournament, and more.

EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD — Splash Pool Picnic Shelter, 6100 Thurston Road, Springfield. Noon to 3:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, live music, door prizes. Please bring a side dish to share. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Chapter.

NORTH BEND/COOS BAY — There is no picnic this year.

SALEM — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Waterfront Park, 230 Front St., SE, Salem. A barbecue, side dishes and soft drinks will be provided from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guest speakers from 11-11:30 a.m. Cost: two non-perishable food items per person, or \$2 per person for the Marion/Polk Food Bank. Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Chapter. Contact Will Music at 503-598-6344 or williamafmusic@gmail.com



OREGON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL GROUND BREAKING. Union officials took part in a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 4 for the new Hyatt Regency Portland hotel adjacent to the Oregon Convention Center. The \$244 million, 600-room hotel, is scheduled to open in 2019. The hotel project is expected to create more than 2,000 construction jobs, and 950 permanent hotel and hospitality jobs. Hyatt signed a neutrality agreement with UNITE HERE Local 8, which means all the new jobs could be union. Separately, Portland Prosper, the city's urban renewal agency, will build a 442-stall parking garage on the property starting this winter. For all the details, turn to Page 19.

BUY UNION

Union-made beer

By Don McIntosh

A hundred years ago, beer made by American union members came marked with a union logo. Today, that Brewery Workers logo is ancient history, along with the union that created it. There *are* union-made beers, but you have to be a well-informed consumer to know which ones.

Unfortunately, most official union beer lists aren't even remotely accurate. The Union Label Department of the national AFL-CIO has just one employee today, and relies on affiliated unions to update its "union-made" lists. The biggest union in the beer industry, the Teamsters, is not an AFL-CIO affiliate. Labor 411, a Los Angeles based organization, has attempted to fill the void of information about union-made products, but its beer list hasn't been updated in

years, and the researcher who produced it is no longer there. The AFL-CIO member benefits program UnionPlus also publishes a union-made beer list, but gets its information second-hand, from Labor411.

All three lists have some major flaws. The biggest is that they sometimes include beers on the list because the company employs *some* union members *somewhere*. Sometimes that's less than a dozen operating engineers, maintaining equipment at otherwise nonunion breweries. That's not what consumers have in mind when they think "Union-Made." So the Labor Press has put together its own list, with two categories: union-made, and union-maybe.

Why should we buy union-made? It's not to reward union

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