

Going Green: Recycling Class Offers Tips on How You Can Do Your Part

The Vernonia Community Learning Center is offering free recycling seminars given by local resident Mark LeMay. The class will be given two more times- the first was held in July; the other two dates are August 27th and September 10th, both at 7:00 PM.

The objective of the classes is to help people understand why reducing, reusing and recycling is important and offer ways to optimize the additional curbside recycling service that is now offered in Vernonia through Waste Management.

LeMay is an avid believer in recycling, and has been doing it for many years. He hopes to combine helpful hints, pertinent facts and his years of experience to encourage locals to participate as fully as possible in local recycling.

Vernonia Night Out

The Vernonia Police Department is once again hosting "Vernonia Night Out", a gathering to show community support against crime. The event will be held on August 19 at Anderson Park from 5:00-7:00 PM; it will feature tours of emergency vehicles, a police dog demonstration by Vernonia Police Sergeant Mike Kay and Canine Officer Krueger, a BBQ put on by the Vernonia Lions Club, raffle prizes, and other surprises. Please bring the whole family out and show support for Vernonia.

Vernonia Community Garage Sale

The 10th Annual Community Wide Garage Sale will be Saturday Sept 20th from 9:00AM-5:00PM. All residents and businesses wanting to be included can sign up by calling Helen Bateman at 503-429-6203. Maps of all participating locations will be available the Friday before the sale. In the past years over forty locations have held a sale. Several groups have donated all or a portion of their proceeds to non-profit organizations or individuals in need of assistance.

Echoing Evergreens Day Camp Kicks Off Another Season of Fun

Echoing Evergreens Day Camp is a non-profit day camp run by an all-volunteer staff. They proudly serve approximately 350 students each summer. Camp this year will run from August 4th through the 8th.

Student groups range from kindergarten through sixth grade. Seventh and eighth grade students serve as aides in training (AIT's), receiving instruction to serve as future counselors. Students grade nine through twelve act as counselors for student groups as well as activity stations. This day camp also serves as required training for all sixth grade Outdoor School counselors in the Vernonia School District. Adults help as station and group leaders and as cooks in the kitchen. Adult volunteers are encouraged to bring their babies and preschoolers to camp; both a baby and preschool units are available to keep the youngest campers happy.

The camp originally began over twenty-five years ago by Nona Skinner and Cathy Ward. They began by taking Girl Scouts up for a week of fun in the outdoors. Over time it has evolved into a camp that all children can enjoy.

Camp is set up in stations that children rotate through during the day. Stations include arts and crafts, hiking, story telling and cooking. Special guests during the week often include Smokey the Bear and his friends talking about forest fire safety, ambulance/fire/ police presentations, survival skills taught by Jim King, and electrical safety taught by West Oregon Electric. This year children will enjoy a special forestry presentation by Jay Worley.

Echoing Evergreens Day Camp rents Camp Wilkerson, a 280-acre forested county park located in Columbia County. This county park is situated in the north Oregon Coast Range approximately twenty miles from Vernonia.

Family, community members and more are invited to the Thursday evening campfire events. Children prepare skits and songs for all to enjoy. As the evening closes, everyone is welcome to join campers around the fire for a flag disposal ceremony. Children grades four through six then disperse to the Adirondacks (open-front cabins) for their exciting overnight stay.

Echoing Evergreens lost over 90% of the supplies needed to run the camp in last year's flooding. Needed items include: 100 metal hot dog sticks, craft foam, yarn, paint (puff, fabric, tempera, and brushes), beads (pony, seed), gimp (plastic lacing), glue (Elmer's, tacky, hot glue sticks), markers (sharpies, washables), crayons, scissors (adult, child), glitter, paper (butcher, printer, construction, tissue), pipe cleaners, craft sticks (jumbo, large), feathers, and material. Also needed are approximately forty each of ink pens, clipboards, thumbtacks, and paper clips along with parachute line, rubber playground balls and Frisbees. If you would like to help, donations can be dropped off at Vernonia City Hall or call Katie Poetter (503-429-0700) or Robin Dennis (503-429-8041)

Events Calendar

52nd Annual Vernonia Friendship Jamboree and Logging Show - August 1-3

Join your friends in Vernonia, as we celebrate life in the upper Nehalem Valley. Three days of Food, Fun and Friends. For all the details and a complete schedule see our Jamboree Guide. Meet the world famous Ax Men on Saturday, August 2nd, from 12PM-2PM on Weed Avenue. Don't miss the Logging Show on Sunday 12PM-4PM.

Echoing Evergreen Day Camp - August 4-8

Camp Wilkerson- Sign up for this years day camp and enjoy crafts , activities, games and lots of fun.

Bear Creek Run/Walk - August 16

This is a fund raiser for Vernonia Cares. A 5K or 10K option is available. Details available at www.signmeup.com/57993 or contact Race Director Maria Lemay at 503-429-1069.

Vernonia Alumni Picnic - August 16

At Anderson Park. Registration begins at 10AM. Bring a picnic lunch and plan to spend the day reconnecting with long lost friends. Coffee and cups will be provided; Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks will be for sale.

Upcoming Events at the Vernonia Library

Tuesday August 19, 7PM - Family Movie Night: Air Bud-Golden Receiver

Monday August 25, 5:30PM - Book Discussion: Life of Pi

Thursday August 28, 7PM - Adult Movie Night: Driving Miss Daisy

Vernonia Night Out - August 19, 5PM-7PM

Anderson Park- Join the Vernonia Police Department for a BBQ, demonstrations, raffle prizes, and more.

Vernonia Open Air Market - Every Friday from 4PM-7PM

Arts, Open Air Market, Food , Music, farewell to Summer S'mores, and a Craft Table for kids to do their own Hands-on Art. Located on Madison Avenue.

St. Mary's Quilt and Crafts Fair - September 18-21, 10AM-4PM

St. Mary's Church is having a unique craft bazaar. Admission still only \$1!

Visit www.vernoniasvoice.com/events for more info and pictures.



Get on Your Feet!

<http://www.signmeup.com/57993>

Vernonia Bear Creek 10K/5K Run/Walk

Aug 16th, 2008 at Anderson Park

Support Vernonia Cares Food bank 

Check-in/Registration at Anderson Park Pavilion 7:45am

10K Run starts at 8:15am

5K Run/Walk starts at 8:30am 

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