

Steampunk Comes To Vernonia

If you were at Vernonia Lake on Saturday March 23 you might have noticed a gathering of people dressed in unusual costumes and makeup, using odd props and taking photographs.

The group was a collaboration of photographers, models, make-up artists and costume designers who were visiting Vernonia for the day, dressing up in neo-Victorian Steampunk outfits and taking photos.

Steampunk is a sub-genre of science fiction. It creates fantasy worlds inspired by the industrialization of 19th century and often features steam powered machinery, fashion, culture, architecture and art from that era. Steampunk blends technology, fictional machines and inventions to create literature, video and film, art, and clothing and fashion.

The outfits and props were most notable at the photo shoot in Vernonia.



Steampunk fashion is wide ranging and has no set guidelines. It combines modern styles influenced by the Victorian era. The models in Vernonia were seen wearing interesting combinations of gowns, corsets, petticoats, bustles, boots, suits with vests, coats, top hats and military-inspired garments. The outfits were accented with accessories that included goggles, parasols, walking sticks, firearms, binoculars, and breathing apparatus,

The group visiting Vernonia rented the large concrete building next to the lake, known as the Chip Shed or Fuel House, to use as a setting for their gathering. About thirty photographers and models teamed up and wandered the site looking for concrete blocks and structures to climb on and use as backdrops. The day provided and opportunity for everyone involved to network, build portfolios, and have some fun.

Girl Scout Camp



Vernonia Girl Scouts of all ages attended their annual retreat this year at Camp Mountindale with the help of family and community support through the purchase of potted tulips. The girls would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone who purchased Girl Scout cookies and to Vernonia Sentry for allowing us to stay warm and dry while selling right here in our hometown! The proceeds raised from the sales of cookies will be used by the girls to fund an outing that is "girl-led", support the overall organization as well as to finance scholarships for those who cannot afford membership fees. Several troops will be using cookie funds to participate in the Doernbecher Dash 5K walk. We thank you for helping to support our youth organization that's building strong girl leaders!



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