

# The Cabin in Vernonia: A Great Place to Hold Your Next Event

Looking for a place to hold a quaint wedding and reception in the country? How about a business meeting or some type of retreat? Do you have a family reunion, bridal shower, or surprise birthday party you need to plan?

The Cabin in Vernonia is the perfect place.

Formerly known as the Scout Cabin, the facility is owned, managed and maintained by the Friends of the Scout Cabin. The Cabin in Vernonia is a beautifully restored log cabin nestled among huge trees in Vernonia's Hawkins Park. The Cabin has a full kitchen, river rock gas fireplace, wrap around deck and tables and seating for 100 people. Hawkins Park features a log gazebo perfect for taking your wedding vows.

The Cabin in Vernonia is accompanied with a wonderful story about its restoration. Built in 1928 and used by local Scout troops

for decades, the cabin was obtained by the City of Vernonia when it fell into disrepair in the 1980s. It sat unused and was damaged in 1996 by a severe flood. A group of local volunteers, spearheaded by long time resident Shirley Daughtry, organized the friends group, developed a business plan, fundraised, and rebuilt the cabin over a three year period.

The end result is a handsome and functional community center that can host youth activities, town meetings, and other special events. The Friends of the Scout Cabin rent it out and continue to maintain the venue with the proceeds.

The Friends of the Scout Cabin recently added a webpage for more visibility and an on-line reservation system, making it easier for you to book your event. They hope to add a calendar in the near future so you can check

availability as well.

Kathy Larsen is a new volunteer with the Friends who has organized the reservation system. "People in our community don't realize that this facility is managed and maintained mostly by a group of people who are all now in their eighties," says Larsen. "They do a wonderful job, but we need to start finding the next generation of volunteers to keep this facility operating as a community resource."

Larsen points out that youth activities and functions are held free of charge at the facility and fees for other events are very reasonable.

For more information go to [www.cabininvernonia.com](http://www.cabininvernonia.com) or call 503-449-3591.

## Postal Food Drive



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