

## ODFW Rolls Out Free Family Fishing Events in 2016

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife invites Oregon families to come fishing at one of several free Family Fishing events scheduled in Columbia County this spring and summer.

These popular events take place in some great places and are typically stocked in advance with a lot of fish. On top of that, ODFW provides loaner rods, reels, tackle and bait, along with helpful tips from experienced angling instructors.

The events are designed to show families how easy and fun fishing can be, according to Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW angler education coordinator.

"Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for a family to experience a successful fishing trip," he said. "We hope everyone has a good time at the event and discover fishing is an activity they can enjoy for a

lifetime."

Local events are scheduled for:

- April 23, Rainier, Trojan Pond, 9:30 am to 2 pm
- May 7, Vernonia, Vernonia Mill Pond, 9 am to 2 pm

Children ages 11 years old and younger can fish for free, while those 12 to 17 and adults will need an Oregon fishing license. The new Youth License is only \$10 for 12 to 17 year olds. Licenses can be purchased at ODFW's Online License Sales page or from any ODFW field office or retail license outlet. Licenses will not be sold at the event.

For families that can't attend one of the scheduled events, ODFW offers several resources to help you go fishing on your own, including:

- Easy Angling Oregon – 101 great places for families to fish in Oregon

- Gearing Up – rod, reel and tackle recommendations
- Trout Fishing in Oregon – how to fish for trout in rivers and lakes
- Trout 365 – a web page dedicated to catching trout in Oregon throughout the year
- Where and How to Fish in Oregon – a links page that focuses on access to great fishing holes

Go to ODFW's website and visit the Fishing Resources page to find out even more about Oregon's fishes and fishing opportunities.

Additional free fishing opportunities will take place on June 4-5 during "Free Fishing Weekend." That weekend ODFW will waive all fishing license fees for anglers of all ages.

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excitement of winning the state title they still took the time to help clean up. My host partner and I thought that was a great thing and I'm sure lots of others thought the same.

We, as ambassadors for the Pendleton Chamber, are suppose to make this an enjoyable experience for the team and staff which we try hard to do but I think this year we were outdone by your team and staff and students with the great way they presented themselves. I feel this is a direct result of the class that this school and townspeople possess.

Several of the parents invited

me to come visit Vernonia again, and with my daughters living in St. Helens, I think I will take them up on that offer. I hope that the team can make it back to Pendleton soon because it's always a pleasure to work with them.

Looking forward to seeing them again!

Jim Kinkead  
Pendleton, OR

To the Editor,  
Let's face it, the Republican Senate is racist.

The reason that they are as a group delaying and holding back and not creating bipartisan actions or legislation is because we elected a black President.

I have watched from the time President Barak Obama took office, the Republican senators and congress people resist President Obama's authority. There have been constant assertions that President Obama is not actually an American, that he is too progressive, that he won't work with the Republicans, that he is not politically experienced enough and the list goes on and on but the truth is that he is African American. And that is why he is not taken seriously.

The majority of people in America elected him but the ones who didn't are not only sore losers but racist. They refuse to accept and acknowledge that he was fairly elected and that he holds as much authority as any standing President.

I find this embarrassing and

shameful. I am beyond disappointed in the lack of civility and respect that President Obama has received. I am also upset that this racism has not been identified openly. I have watched as a private citizen for all these years but now that the senate is refusing to consider the person President Obama nominated for the Supreme Court I feel I have to speak up.

It is despicable that this President is being treated with such disdain. No President deserves to be treated this way, period. I can't stand by and pretend this is just a partisan fight. It is clearly and surely racism. This is America.

Shame on us for being so xenophobic. I can't be silent and I do not in any way condone this behavior. I must speak out and call out improper behavior. This must stop.

Kate Rose  
Portland

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

### Upcoming Events

#### Readers Theater

Thursday, April 7, 6 – 7 pm  
Performance of *Baba Yaga*, *The Little Mailman of Bayberry Lane*, and *The Princess and the Robot* by Young at Heart Readers Theater. All ages welcome.

#### An Evening with Paulann Petersen, Oregon Poet Laureate Emerita

Sunday, April 10, 6 – 7:30 pm  
Paulann will read a selection of her poems, answer questions, and have books available for purchase. A workshop will be lead prior to the reading. Registration required for the workshop only. Please contact the library for more information.

#### After School Activity

Thursday, April 21, 4 – 5pm  
For children K – 5 and parents.  
Activity TBA.

#### Movie Nights

Tuesday, April 19, 6 pm (Adults)  
Thursday, April 28, 6 pm (Families)  
Relax and enjoy a movie and free popcorn. Call or visit the library for movie titles.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Homeschool Library Time (New)

Wednesday, April 13, 1 – 2 pm  
Opportunity for homeschoolers and homeschool parents in the area to come together. "How to Use the Library" tour at this meeting.

#### Stamp Club

April 14  
Now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, 4:30 pm  
Come by for some stamp collecting, learning, and trading. Open to all ages.

#### Writer's Group

April 21  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, 6 – 7:30 pm  
Opportunity for writers with all levels of experience to get together, write, and get feedback.

#### Book Discussion Group

April 25  
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm  
Selection for April: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

#### Storytimes

**Baby and Toddler Time**  
Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am  
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 – 3. Older siblings welcome.

#### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 am  
Stories and a craft/activity for children up to age 5.

### Library Hours & Contact

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:**  
10 – 5  
**Tuesday, Thursday:** 1 – 7  
**Saturday:** 10 – 4  
**Closed Sundays**

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## Meet the Candidates

A Political Forum with Candidates for  
Columbia County Commissioner  
Positions #1 and #3

**Monday, April 25th**  
**7:00PM**  
at the Cabin in Vernonia  
901 Park Drive

Candidates will answer a series of prepared questions. An open house will follow providing an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates.

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