

Seniors Announce Plans for Scout Cabin

Work party planned for August 10

Vernonia Senior Citizens and Friends of the Scout Cabin are nearing completion of the transfer of ownership and management of the Cabin in Vernonia, formerly known as the Scout Cabin, to the seniors. Representatives of both groups met in July to plan the transition which will be effective in August. The Cabin in Vernonia website has the new contact telephone number listed, and a few other changes to the site are forthcoming. The rate structure for rentals will remain the same. Vernonia Senior Citizens will continue to operate the Cabin as a rental facility but use it for their own weekday activities.

On Friday, July 26, Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell met with Five Star Builders in

Banks to sign the contract for the construction of the long-awaited Senior Center and Food Bank building adjacent to the Vernonia Health Clinic. A schedule for the project will be published in August. The Vernonia Cares Food Bank will move from the American Legion Hall to the new building, and services for residents 60 and older will be offered on the Senior Center side. Vernonia Seniors anticipate serving two to three congregate meals per week in the new location and will prepare home-delivered meals at this location.

Both organizations expect savings in utility costs due to modern building codes, improved insulation, shared utility meters and shared walk-in freezer and refrigeration units. The Cabin in Vernonia will host Senior Center activities for all ages which are precluded in the new building for five years per the

terms of the federal Community Development Block Grant that is funding the construction of the shared facility.

Vernonia Senior Citizens is grateful for the unexpected gift of the Cabin and the years of volunteer service performed by Don and DeDe Webb, the Webb family, and the Board of the Friends of the Scout Cabin.

At 9:00 am on Saturday, August 10 a work party led by Don Webb will stain the logs on the exterior of the Cabin and put wood preservative on the new railings. Volunteers are needed for this one day task, and lunch will be provided by the Seniors. The more volunteers, the shorter the work day! Please come help if only for an hour or two.

Voices From the Mill Pond is Still Seeking Submissions!

Voices From the Mill Pond, a full-color, paperback book collection of stories, poems, photography, and artwork from our region's talented community members, is still seeking submissions.

All ages are encouraged to submit their original work, with Vernonia themes encouraged.

Deadline for submissions is October 1, with publication scheduled for December 1 - just in time for the holidays.

This project is sponsored by Vernonia Hands on Art and *Vernonia's Voice*.

For submission details visit www.VernoniaHandsOnArt.com.

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Saturday & Sunday,
August 3rd & 4th
7 am to 11 am



Breakfast
Breakfast Burritos
Biscuits and Gravy
or
The Works

Snacks
Granola Bars • Fruit • Candy

Drinks
Coffee • Tea • Soda

*Located at the Snack Shack next to the Greenman Field Grandstand
All proceeds benefit the Class of 2023*

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Upcoming Events

Turn in Summer Reading Time Logs Anytime between July 29 and August 17
Bring back your reading log and you are eligible to enter prize drawings! Receive a free Oregon Zoo ticket (first 50 children) and earn an ice cream from Mariolino's.

Friends of the Library Jamboree Book Sale
Friday, 12 pm - 7 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, at the Vernonia Grange, 425 North St. \$1 Paperbacks, \$2 Hardbacks. Large selection of books, both for children and adults. Shop the sale and support the Library. All proceeds benefit Library programs and services.

Lego Building Challenge
Tuesday, August 6, 3 - 4 pm
Build an object as close as possible to an image with the bricks we have available. Work individually or with a friend or family member. For elementary age children.

Summer Reading Party
Saturday, August 17, 2 - 3 pm
Snacks, crafts, games, and door prizes. Thanks for participating in the Summer Reading program.

Ongoing Programs

Summer Chess Club
Every Wednesday through August

28, 3 - 4:30 pm
Chess for all ages and ability levels.

Writer's Group
Thursday, August 15, 6-7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for August 26: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikrey* by Gabrielle Zevin

Storytimes

Summer Family Storytime
Wednesday, 10:30 am,
June 19 - August 28
Snack (provided by the Summer Meals Program), followed by stories, activities, and a craft. Designed for families with children up through grade 2.

Library Closures
Friday, August 2, Open 10 am - 2 pm only
Saturday, August 3 for Jamboree

Library Hours & Contact
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 12 - 7
Saturday: 12 - 5
Closed Sundays
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