

Zoo Announces New Exhibit

PORTLAND, Ore. – A bald eagle swoops down to a deep pool, snatching at a kokanee salmon. Are you in a remote wilderness? No, you're visiting Eagle Canyon, the Oregon Zoo's new 20,800-square-foot, \$2.4 million exhibit that has its grand opening on May 29-30.

The only exhibit of its kind, Eagle Canyon marks the first time that free-flying bald eagles and salmon are featured together in a zoo exhibit. It expands upon the existing Cascade building that displays local animals such as river otter, beaver, and other native watershed species.

Visitors begin their journey near a stream where native trout, sturgeon, shiners, and sculpin live. Newts, salamanders, frogs, and native passerine birds also are residents of the streamside exhibit.

A new conservation center highlights efforts to save local endangered animals, including western pond turtles, Washington pygmy rabbits, Oregon spotted frogs, Oregon silverspot butterflies, and Fender's blue butterflies. Visitors glimpse daily activities like animal feeding and weighing, and can ask zookeepers questions during posted times.

Walking through the underwater viewing area, visitors go behind a cascading waterfall where they see schools of shimmering salmon in a swift-moving stream.

As visitors walk further along the forest trail, they can scramble up a hollow log, while intricate salmon sculptures beckon visitors to reach into the stream to touch them.

Visitors move the salmon sculptures to and fro, giving them a clearer understanding of how perfectly streamlined these large fish are. A series of bridges span the trail, including a covered bridge, inspired by historic covered bridges found throughout Oregon.

Near the bridge is an interactive watershed model. The fun display teaches visitors how water travels from clouds to land and back again.

At the top of the canyon, visitors can stop and watch the bald eagle perched on a snag just 10 feet away. No netting or barrier separates visitors from this large predator with its impressive six-foot wingspan. Behind the viewing platform, children can play in a giant eagle's nest and experience life as a bald eagle.

Several interactive displays are available, including two video monitors with live video feeds from a Cascade Mountains site near Eugene, Ore. and a river site in the Columbia River Gorge near Cascade Locks, Ore.

For more details about Eagle Canyon, visit www.oregonzoo.org/Exhibits/GreatNW/EagleCanyon/index.htm.

The zoo opens at 9 a.m. daily and is located five minutes from downtown Portland at 4001 SW Canyon Road, just off Highway 26.

General admission (12-64) is \$9; seniors (65+), \$7.50; children (3-11), \$6; and children under 3 are free. Additional information is available by calling 503-226-1561 or visiting the zoo's Web site at www.oregonzoo.org.

American Indian Income Tax

from www.dor.state.or.us Web site

Are you an American Indian? If so, you may not have to pay Oregon income tax on your income. You may be able to subtract all or part of your income if all of the following are true:

- You are an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, **and**
- Your income is earned in Indian country, **and**
- You live in federally recognized Indian country.

"Indian country" is defined as any land within a current federal Indian reservation boundary and other lands held in trust by the U.S. government for a tribe.

For enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian tribes who live and work in Indian country in Oregon, income exempt from Oregon income tax includes:

- Wages earned for work performed in Indian country in Oregon
- Income from business or real estate located in Indian country in Oregon
- Retirement income if the contributions to the plan came from or were connected with services performed in Indian country
- Unemployment compensation if the benefits were received as a result of work performed in federally recognized Indian country

- Interest, dividends, and capital gains from the sale of stocks and other intangibles, regardless of where the accounts are located
- Gambling winnings from Indian gaming centers (casinos)
- Indian tribal disbursements from casino earnings

Remember: You must live in Indian country in Oregon **and** be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe to subtract the income listed above. You do not have to live and work on the same reservation. But the areas where you live and work must both be considered "Indian country" to qualify for the subtraction.

To claim the subtraction, you must report your total income on both the federal and Oregon tax returns. On your Oregon return, use the "Other subtraction" line to subtract all of your income that qualifies. Label the line "Amer Ind."

You must file a completed copy of Form 150-101-049, Exempt Income Schedule for Enrolled Members of a Federally Recognized American Tribe, with your Oregon return. You must include the following on the schedule:

- The street address of the location you worked, and
- The street address of the location you lived, and
- The tribe you are enrolled with and your membership number.

You must use the street address of your residence on the schedule so we can verify that you live in Indian country. However, you may use your post office box address on your tax return.

If you meet all of the requirements, you may claim "exempt" on your Form W-4 for Oregon purposes only.

Questions? **Telephone:** Salem 503-378-4988; toll-free within Oregon 1-800-356-4222.

TTY (hearing or speech impaired; machine only): 503-945-8617 (Salem) or 1-800-886-7204 (toll-free within Oregon).

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Important Dates for 2004 Elections

from oregonvotes.org/dates04.htm

May 18 Election Day: statewide primary election

June 17 Last day for secretary of state to declare election of primary candidates and governor to declare passage of primary measures

July 2 Last day to submit required number of signatures for a statewide initiative petition

July 26 Voters Pamphlet arguments due for county measures and candidates for Sept. 21 election

Aug. 1 Deadline for signature verification for initiative petitions

Aug. 24 Voters Pamphlet arguments due for Nov. 2 statewide general election

Aug. 31 Voter registration deadline for Sept. 21 county election

Sept. 3-7 Ballots mailed for Sept. 21 county election

Sept. 21 Election Day: county regular election

Oct. 12 Voter registration deadline for Nov. 2 general election

Oct. 13 Last day to mail Voters Pamphlet for Nov. 2 general election

Oct. 15-19 Ballots mailed for Nov. 2. general election

Nov. 2 Election Day: statewide general election

Dec. 2 Last day for secretary of state to declare election of general candidates and governor to declare passage of general measures

Dec. 20 Electors of president and vice president convene at the Capitol

Register to vote!

www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/vreg.htm